2015
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF EASTON

Queset Commons is an ongoing mixed-use development project at the intersection of Massachusetts Routes 123 and 138 in Easton. When complete, the project will result in a vibrant mix of residences and businesses that will generate substantial tax revenue, economic activity, unique housing options and other benefits for the Town. A public-private partnership between Douglas King Builders and the Town, the project will ultimately include 280 housing units, 116,000 square feet of commercial space, permanently protected open space, a wastewater treatment facility and significant infrastructure improvements.

In 2008, the Town approved the Queset Smart Growth Overlay Zoning District for the area, which allows a mix of residential and commercial uses in exchange for open space protection and state incentives. A so-called 40R district, the zoning for this area promotes a compact, thoughtfully designed and walkable district. In 2009 the Easton Planning and Zoning Board approved the Queset Commons Master Plan for the project, outlining the location and use of buildings, open space, sidewalks, stormwater infrastructure and parking locations.

When fully constructed, 59 of the 280 housing units will be affordable to families earning 80% or less of the area median income. Because of the 40R district calls for multifamily housing, 223 of the 280 units will be counted on the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory, allowing Easton to maintain its newly attained 10% affordability level and protecting the Town from future 40B developments that could circumvent the local zoning process.

As part of the development agreement between the developer and the Town, Easton will also benefit from a rehabilitated and expanded Depot Street fire station and intersection improvements at both the Roosevelt/Washington and Belmont/Washington intersections. Because of the project's 40R status, the Town will also continue to receive payments from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. To date, the Town received $350,000 when the zoning district was adopted and $138,000 for the development of the first multifamily building- Building A. The Town will be eligible for additional payments as subsequent phases are completed.

Built at the developer's cost, a wastewater treatment facility for Queset is now complete. At Town Meeting in 2015 the Town approved the purchase of 50,000 gallons per day of wastewater capacity, allowing the Town to provide wastewater capacity to the adjacent Queset Commercial District in order to incentivize economic development along the Route 138 corridor, yielding additional economic development and tax revenue for years to come.

TOWN OF EASTON 2015
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Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	23,112 (2010 Fed Census) 22,964 (2015 Town Census)
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property Valuation as of January 1, 2015	$3,134,253,346
Town Meeting	Third Monday in May
Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON 2015

CONGRESSMEN

Elizabeth Warren, US Senator
Edward Markey, US Senator
Joseph Kennedy III, Representative in Congress, 4th Congressional District

STATE SENATORS

Michael Brady, (D-Brockton)- 2nd Plymouth & Bristol (Pcts 1 &2)
Brian A Joyce (D-Milton)- Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

REPRSENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

Claire Cronin (D-Brockton) - 11th Plymouth District (Pcts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) – 3rd Bristol District (Pct 6)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Robert Jubinville (D-Milton)- 2nd District (Pct 3,4,5,6)
Christopher A Iannella, Jr. (D-Boston)- 4th District (Pcts 1,2)

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

	TERM EXP.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	
Donna Bonia	2016
Stephen Marcus	2016
Amy Rodrigues	2016
Dan Burke	2017
Nikki Dostoomian	2017
Steve Merlin	2017
Paula Piccinin	*
Christine Santoro	*
Dottie Fulginitti	*
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	
Peter Palm	2016
Rose Galeno	2016
Todd Sandstrum	2017
Kathryn O'Dwyer	2017
Edmund Hands	2017
Sean Flynn	2018
Michael Luke	2018
BOARD OF APPEALS	
Conrod Boone - Alternate Member	2016
David Mills	2016
Ryan Cook	2017
Michael Spillane, Alternate Member	2017
Thomas A. Pursley	2018
Walter Mirrione	2019
Paul Prew, Alternate	2020
AUDIT COMMITTEE	
Fred Isleib	2016
Carol Nestler	2016
Jason Parks	2016
Jonathan Pike	2016
Laura Fogel	2017
Wendy Nightingale - Town Accountant	Ex-Officio
Brenda DeCosta	*
Donna Abelli	*
Kevin Kavanaugh	*
Mareissa Searles Victoria	*
Jarrett Victoria	*
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE	
David Colton-Town Administrator	2016
Daniel Murphy	2016
Ben Hampton	2016
Dottie Fulginitti	2016
Caroline S. O'Neill	2016
Jacqueline Weisman	2016
Andrew Keough-Superintendent of Schools	2016
Colleen Corona	*
Kim Dubois	*

	TERM EXP.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Brenden Creedon	*
Timothy Duffy	2018
Timothy McCaul	2017
Jason Parks	2016
Jonathan Chase	2016
CONSTABLES	
Robert Bishop	2017
Jerold Loomis	2016
Margaret Carey	2017
James Carey	2017
James T. Hartford	2018
Brent Peterson	2018
William Scharnick	2018
Brian Flavin	2017
David Martell	2017
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Delores M. Kent, Director	*
Rose Friedeborn-Chair	2016
Jean Shearing	2017
Nicolina Previti	2016
Francis H. Spillane	2017
David Cudmore	*
Marie Graca	2018
Lois Parker	2018
Melinda Pollard Nelhuebel	2018
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Hazel Verella	2016
Nancy Donahue	2016
William Ames (Corp)	2016
Karen Hays	2016
James Fowler	2017
Marcia Connors	2016
Stephen Merlin	*
Uma Hiremath	
MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE	
Gregory Strange-Co-chair	2016
Catherine Adler-Co Chair	2016
Patti Groebe	2016
Keith Graveline	2016
Brian Hoffman	2016
Peter Buhl	2016
Paul Prew	2016
Dawn Boynton	2016
Walter Mirrione	2016
Majid Lashkari	2016
Ellen Barlow	2016
Craig Binney	2016

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

Rose Galeno	2016
Colleen Less	*
Donna Abelli	*
Carol Nestler	*
Elaine Hanson	*

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Carolyn Cole	2016
Mary Kimball	2017
Susan Ricciardi	2017
Linda Paolucci	2017
Francis Smith	2017
Peter Buhl	2017
Richard Connolly	2017
Michael Madonna	2017
Inex Smrz	2018
Kate Mensch	2018
Catherine Folan	2018

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Stuart Scheonfield	2018
Harris Blomwald	2016
Adam Crowley	2017

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Fresh, Jr.	2016
Jan Fowler	2017
Wayne P. Southworth	2018

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wendy Nightingale - Town Accountant	2016
Peter Deschenes	2016
Jack Waxman	2016
Jim Condon	2017
Colin McCarthy	2019
Sharyn Katz	*
Elaine Hanson	*
Christine Santoro	*
Frederick Maclennan	*

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Timothy Hurley	2016
Michael Madonna	2017
Susan Henderson	*

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

John Ventresco	2016
Meredith Keach	2016
Gregory Strange	2016
Joseph Lawlor	2016
Denis Sheedy	2016
Kevin McIntyre	2017
Avery Lee William	2017
Brent Peterson	2018
Christopher Kone	2016
Beth Shapiro	2016
Edmund Hands	2016

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Jane Martin	School Rep
David Field	DPW Dir., Ex-Offcio
Larry Mowatt	2016
Ralph Vatalaro	2016
Kenneth Carlson	2017
Keith Graveline	2018
John Kent Jr.	2017
Karen Gilbride-Raynard - Secretary	

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES

Nicolina Previti, Board of Directors Alternate	
Beverly Beavers, Board of Directors	2016

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative

OCPC AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate	
Marie Healey, Alternate	

PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

Cheryl Morrison	2018
Frank Murphy	2018
Andrew McAlarney-Chair	2018
Catherine Folan	2018
Dennis Voci	2018

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Christine Santoro	*
David Clymens	2019
Wayne Benson, JR	2016
Deborah Balcarek	2018
Gregory Strange	2017
Peter Deschenes	2020

SPECIAL ACT CHARTER COMMITTEE

Colleen Corona- Board of Selectmen Representative	2016
Dotite Fulginiti-Board of Selectmen Representative	2016
Colleen Less-School Committee Representative	2016
Fred Islieb-School Committee Representative	2016
Kim DuBois-Finance Committee Representative	2016
Elaine Hanson-Finance Committee Representative	2016
Steve Merlin-Citizen Representative	2016

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees
(In Alphabetical Order)

Rose Galeno	2016	Brent Peterson	2018
Edmund Hands	2017		
James Lee	2018		
Brendon Creedon	*		
Christine Santoro	*		

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

D. Mark Trivett	Ex-Officio
Michelle Kearney	2016
Eleanor Hall	2016
Linda Croke	2016
Eric Kamens	2018
Roberta Hafferty	*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Colton	Ex-Offcio
Kevin McIntyre-Board of Selectmen	2016
Daniel Smith-Board of Selectmen	2016
Charley McCarthy	2017
Keith Mclaughlin	2017
Jon Holbrook	2017
Daniel Farren	2017
Daniel Murphy-Board of Selectmen	*

FENCE VIEWERS

Meredith Keach	*
Rob Pelfrey	*
Mark Trivett	Ex-Officio
	*

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Jacqueline Weisman	2016
Andrea Waldorf	2016
Brian Long	2016
Daniel Smith-Board of Selectmen Rep	2016
Tanner Marsh	2017
Kerri Mullen	2018
Richard Wong	*
Adrienne Edwards	*

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Paul Fitzpatrick	2018
Timothy Hurley-Chair	2016
John Ventresco	2018
Karen Cacciapuoti-Alternate Member	2018
Ben Neumann	2016
Amy Spencer	2017
Paul Panaikas	2018
Gregory Strange	2017

HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

Jill English	2016
John Curran-Vice Chair	2017
Laura McIntyre	2016

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees
(In Alphabetical Order)

Rose Galeno	2016	Brent Peterson	2018

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jennifer Gallagher	2016
Michelle Durrance	2017
Tana Barritt	*
Robert Benton	*
Meredith Keach	2018
Charles Hammond	2018
Michelle Kearney	2017
Michael Glynn	2016

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Ben Carroll
Patricia Locke
Robert Kane
Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Marc R. Brockman
Lennart K. Altieri
Dawn Marie Boynton, School
Judith E. Josephs
Henry P. Narsasian

*Resigned, Retired or Term Expired

Town of Easton, Massachusetts

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

	TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	
Edward Sharkansky	2018
SELECTMEN	
Dottie Fulginiti	2016
Dan Smith	2016
Carol Nestler	2017
Daniel Murphy	2018
Kevin McIntyre	2018
Colleen A. Corona	*
ASSESSORS	
Michael McKenna	2016
Gerald J. Noonan	2017
Scott Timulty	2018
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Frederick Isleib	2016
Colleen Less	2016
Sean Mullen	2016
Laurie Han	2017
Caroline S. O'Neill	2017
Jacqueline Weisman	2018
Donna Abelli	*
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Elizabeth Reichman	2016
David Mills	2017
Laura Arboleda	2018
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
Sandra L. Conant	2017
Dennis Sheedy	2017
Krisanne Sheedy	2018
William Anderson	2020
Pamela M. Widdop	*
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Elaine Hanson	2016
Pat Goodman	2016
Marc Lamb	2016
Jason Parks	2016
Jack Waksman	2017
Kimberly Dubois	2017
Michael Pletrowski	2017
Benjamin Hampton	2018
Gregory John Fraser, Jr.	2018

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Town Administrator	David A. Colton
Animal Control Officer	Elizabeth J. DeRosa
Animal Inspector, Milk Inspector	Elizabeth J. DeRosa
Chief Assessor	Robert Alford
Health Agent	Mark Taylor
Dir. Of Health & Community Services	Kristin Kennedy
Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement, ADA Coordinator	D. Mark Trivett
Dir of Planning & Community Dev	Gary Anderson
DPW Director	David Field
DPW Operations Manager	Maurice Goulet
Fire Chief	Kevin Partridge
Library Executive Director	Uma Hiremath
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Ron Weisman*
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Kevin Nelson
Police Chief	Alan Krajcik*
Police Chief	Gary Sullivan
Recreation Program Director	Anne Daley
School Superintendent	Dr. Andrew Keough
School Superintendent, Asst.	Dr. Lisha Cabral
Town Accountant	Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Clerk	Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
Town Counsel	Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC
Treasurer and Collector	Teresa DeSilva*
Veterans Agent	Hsiu Ann Tom*
Veterans Agent	Jason Haven
Water Division Operations Manager	John J. Marsh
Wiring Inspector	Kevin Greiner
Wiring Inspector, Asst.	John F. Amorim*

Scott Maclennan	*
Michael Maloney	*
Maria Searles Victoria	*

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael Pietrowski	2018

*Resigned, Retired or Term Expired

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year saw the town continue to make strides in key areas. Economic development has been a focus in recent years and this year saw the seeds being planted. As state aid continues to stagnate, more of the budgetary burden has been left to the taxpayers. Creating an environment conducive to commercial development is an important tool in reducing the impact to homeowners. 2015 saw several key steps to this vision realized and we look forward to continuing this work in 2016.

Town Meeting approved an article to purchase treatment capacity from the Queset Commons wastewater treatment plant. This will allow the Town to create a sewer district in the area of Rt.138 and Rt. 123. This, along with new zoning, is the first step to attracting business to this area. Numerous studies have shown that the most important factor for business looking to start or relocate is infrastructure, specifically, public wastewater treatment capacity. Without this piece, we will continue to fight an uphill battle when competing with our neighboring communities that offer this infrastructure. The Board of Selectmen also entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Mansfield to gain entry into their regional wastewater treatment plant. Connecting the Five Corners Area to this regional wastewater treatment facility will bring needed infrastructure to the Rt. 106 corridor. Our hope is that by creating these targeted districts, business will thrive in Easton and the impact will be felt by all.

Snow, snow and more snow dominated the day to day lives of Easton residents early in the year as almost six feet of snow fell in February alone, resulting in closures to Town Hall and many departments. The unprecedented snow brought budgetary challenges as well, leading to a significant deficit in the Snow and Ice budget. Legislation at the state level was passed to help smooth out the impact and after a review of recent year expenditures the Snow and Ice budget was increased for the first time in many years.

Easton continued to lead the way in transparency. The Town contracted with a ClearGov, a data analytics and visualization firm whose aim is to make municipal finance clearer to the average citizen. By using benchmarks and creative graphing, a resident can view where his/her tax dollars went and how that compared with other Massachusetts towns. Easton was the first town in the Commonwealth to provide this premiere program to its residents and we encourage everyone to use it often. Also, Easton was recognized as a leader in transparency by a Northeastern University study that tested municipalities in the area of public records.

Energy efficiency, as both a policy and budgetary goal, has been a high priority in recent years and 2015 continued this trend. Ameresco, an energy services company, began implementing strategies to reduce energy costs throughout 2015 and the Town entered into a power purchase agreement that will reduce energy cost by over $100,000 a year for the next two years. Easton is proud to be a Green Community and continues to search for ways to lead in this area.

In April, Colleen Corona left the Board of Selectmen. Collen served on the Board for 12 years and made an indelible mark. Her contributions to Easton will be felt for generations to come and she leaves a void that will require many hands to fill. In recognition of her impact, the room that holds Board of Selectmen meetings was renamed the Colleen A. Corona Board Room. We thank her for her service and commitment to Easton. Kevin McIntyre was elected to the Board of Selectmen the same month and Daniel Murphy was re-elected.

The Board would like to express our sincere thanks to Easton's employees and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our community. Our employees' dedication is the envy of surrounding communities and Easton continues to lead the way in technology and improved services. This is not possible without committed employees. Our volunteers continue to work selflessly to improve our community. Their contributions make Easton the desirable place that it is. Specifically, this year, we thank and congratulate Del Kent, who was the Council on Aging Director, overseeing the growth in that demographic. She retired in January after 34 years of working for the Town.

We would like to thank David Colton for his continued efforts to look ahead and be proactive. We are grateful for his leadership, vision and work ethic during this exciting time in Easton's history. We thank Mary Southworth and Connor Read all they have done for the Board and the residents of our community over this last year.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Town of Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Murphy, Chair
Dottie Fulginiti, Clerk
Daniel Smith
Carol Nestler
Kevin McIntyre

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee's goal is to provide accurate and objective information about financial decisions facing the Town to the citizenry of Easton in a straightforward fashion so the citizens can make informed decisions. The recommendations of the Committee are primarily seen at the Annual Town Meeting, and any Special Town Meetings, but from time to time during the year the Committee will weigh in on timely issues throughout the year.

The Finance Committee is tasked with completing a detailed review and making recommendations on all Town and the School Department budgets, reviewing financial impacts of any and all Town projects, and making recommendations on all Town Meeting warrant articles. Budget review also includes the Town's many off-budget accounts, looking for opportunities to use the accounts when appropriate, in an effort to most efficiently stretch the citizenry's tax dollars.

Finance Committee is made up of 9 members with a usual meeting schedule of the second Wednesday of every month. During the fiscal year budget and Annual Town meeting season of March-May and as needed for Special Town Meetings and other items as they arise, meetings may be needed more often. Throughout the year the Committee is presented with many great project ideas. However, these ideas and the costs associated with each must be weighed against the financial constraints of the Town's budget, not only for today, but for any potential impact that could be felt years down the road. In a perfect world, all plans would get approved; all departments fully staffed, and the Town still have money to set aside for future needs.

In reality, difficult decisions must be made that balance the Town's basic needs (i.e. public safety and education) with new and exciting programs that continue to drive Easton into the future. The Committee sees itself as unbiased overseers of the taxpayer's money, and make recommendations on how and where that money should and could be best spent. This advocacy was evident during the Fall of 2015, when the Committee took a strong stance in favor of the Citizens' petition warrant article funding an operational audit of the Town and Schools.

The Finance Committee makes its recommendations known at Town Meeting. To demonstrate how we reached those recommendations, all of the Committee's meetings are televised on ECAT. 2015 was the fifth year in a row that the meetings have been televised. The goal of airing the meetings is to show the people how our decisions were reached, as well as ensure an air of transparency over the proceedings. We encourage open debate during our meetings, and ensure that all sides of a given issue are presented before a final vote is taken. Input from the community is always welcome and we encourage the citizens to attend our meetings if they have a concern or question about a financial issue of importance to the Town.

Members of the Committee hold seats on a variety of other committees in the Town throughout the year, including (but not limited to) Budget, Capital Planning and Audit. In addition, two members of the Committee were active participants in the Special Act Charter Committee, whose work concluded in October 2015. The Committee also attempts to have a member in attendance at every Board of Selectmen's meeting so when matters need discussing at Finance Committee meetings, the Committee will be better prepared.

As elected officials, the Committee is dedicated to serving the citizens of Easton. Part of that dedication is an urging of the Town's boards, committees and departments are more communicative with the Committee on all issues that may come before it. It would be ideal to have information about a potential warrant article known before the warrant was issued. Often times these articles have complexities that need more than just the short window provided between issuance of the warrant and Town Meeting floor. The Committee

applauds those groups and individuals that have worked with the Committee in the past, and encourage this open communication to continue.

The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools for their cooperation and continued working relationships. The Committee would also like to acknowledge all of the Town's department heads, who make time for Committee members during budget season to go over their individual budgets and for working with the Committee throughout the year whenever questions arise. The sense of collaboration and cooperation throughout the Town is applauded.

The Committee would like to welcome its newest members, Greg Fraser, Marc Lamb, and Jason Parks, as well as thank Stacey Lincoln for her continued diligence and dedication as the Committee's secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Finance Committee

Elaine Hanson (co-chair)	Pat Goodman	Mike Pietrowski
Ben Hampton (co-chair)	Greg Fraser	Jack Waksman
Kimberly DuBois (clerk)	Jason Parks	Marc Lamb

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

The Easton Board of Health is required by law to perform many critical duties related to the protection of public health. These include public health control and prevention responsibilities including:

- Disease surveillance
- Promotion of sanitary housing units, recreational facilities, and food establishments
- Elimination of nuisances
- The protection of the environment by regulating and overseeing the proper disposition of waste (sewage and solid waste)

The Board of Health is supported by Mark Taylor, RHES/RS, full time Health Agent; Kristin Kennedy, REHS/RS, part time Health Agent; and Timothy Meyers, part time Health Inspector; Kit Minsky, Executive Assistant to Inspectional Services and the Board of Health. The Board is fortunate to have the continued services of Ms. Elizabeth DeRosa as Animal Inspector.

The Chairperson and one Board member of the Board of Health attended an annual certification seminar provided by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, on public health laws and issues.

The Board of Health met an average of twice a month in a public meeting forum. Meetings include the consideration of variance requests from State and Local regulations as well as consideration of emergent Public Health concerns. In 2015 the Board of Health considered the following topics:

- The poor match of the 2014-2015 flu vaccine to the circulating virus
- Issues related to Arbovirus- Lyme, EEE, and WNV
- The formation of a Shovel Shop Pond working group in response to citizens concerns related to the historic uses of the properties surrounding the pond
- Monitoring of the repairs required by an administrative consent order issued by the State Department of Environmental Protection for the Sewage Treatment Plant at the Easton Manufactured Housing Community
- The support of efforts to address the Opioid crisis by supporting the Public School Nurses plans to have Narcan within the schools and by providing support during Wings of Hope events, including the facilitation of an additional needle take back event during the annual DEA drug take back day
- The proposal to further restrict youth access to tobacco products by raising the age for Tobacco purchases in Easton to 21 along with additional revisions to the regulations
- The potential to ban the sale of synthetic cannabinoids

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the Town's contract nurse, provided the Board and the residents of Easton with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Laura Arboleda, Chairman
David Mills, Member
Elizabeth Reichman, Member

HEALTH AGENTS
Kristin Kennedy, REHS/RS
Mark Taylor, REHS/RS

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Department of Revenue regulations now require assessors to review assessments on a yearly basis to see if they meet the statistical criteria contained in the Massachusetts General Laws. Median assessments must be at least 90% of market value and not exceed 110% as determined by analysis of the previous year's sales. Assessments must also meet uniform criteria that show all similar properties are being assessed by the same methodology. The results of analyzing the 2014 valid or "arm's length" sales showed that residential values based on the average single family home increased by 8%. Condos increased by 5% in value.

Prior to setting the tax rate, the assessors are responsible for putting together information to aid the Board of Selectmen in its decision concerning classification. The Selectmen make the decision on whether to have a single or split tax rate.

Real estate overvaluation applications are reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The time frame for filing an overvaluation application is from late December when the actual bill comes out through the following February 1st. A postmark on or before February 1st from the US Post Office is a timely filing. The filing time period is set in the General Laws and late applications cannot be considered. Decisions on all applications are made by the assessors within three months of the filing date. Assessors can only look at the assessed value (not taxes) to determine if abatement is warranted. Decisions of the Board of Assessors can be appealed to the Appellate Tax Board within that Board's filing period.

The office works with the Council on Aging and the Veteran's Agent to alert elderly and veterans to changes in the laws governing statutory exemptions. Assessing staff spend a good deal of time on the phone and in the office helping our homeowners fill out applications.

Motor vehicle excise bill inquiries concerning abatements, place of garaging issues, and overvaluation of the vehicle are handled in this office. Staff is in constant contact with the Registry of Motor Vehicles trying to resolve issues for the taxpayers.

The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Many reports for other departments and state agencies are generated from the assessors' data base. The report that is most requested is the abutters' list for public hearings. We have been working with the GIS Specialist on an abutter's app. The current problem is that it does not give an accurate abutter's list because it gives more parcels then abutters and abutters to abutters. We have suggested being able to click on parcels that may not be part of the list but in the 300 or 100 foot radius. We are waiting to hear back on this.

The assessors' data is on the Internet. The Assessing staff is always working on upgrading the Assessing website to have more information and forms online. Exemptions and motor vehicle information are also on the website.

New septic betterments were added to tax bills.

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A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 3,068,849,250
Assessed Value of Personal Property	$ 65,404,250
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 3,134,253,346

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$ 80,077,615.35
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc. Charges	507,768.90
State & County Charges	836,671.00
Overlay Account	406,057.78
Total Expenditures	$ 81,828,113.03

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$ 13,075,876.00
Local Receipts	6,582,592.00
Enterprise Funds	4,349,062.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds	4,616,583.00
Community Preservation Funds	2,460,438.35
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$ 31,084,551.35

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION $ 50,743,561.68

Tax Rate = 50,743,561.35 / 3,134,253,346 x 1000 = $16.78

The assessment date for fiscal year 2016 values was January 1, 2015. The Town now has 5,644 single-family homes, 1405 condominiums, 158 two-family homes and 22 three-family homes. The average single family home for fiscal year 2016 is $ 404,400. New Growth was $794,155.

We would like to thank Ann Williams, Maureen Call and Robert Alford II for all their hard work.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1st — Property Tax Assessment Date.

June 30th — Property Tax Assessment Date for building permits. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the MA. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1st to June 30th for succeeding fiscal years.

February 1st — Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st (or the next work day if February 1st falls on a weekend.)

March 1st — Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.

March — Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a

rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone qualifying in the previous year. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after March 1st and must be accompanied by the income tax filing from the previous year. Contact the office for exemption forms.

May 1st — Payment of fourth quarter tax bill.

August 1st — Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on at least one quarter of the taxes from the previous fiscal year. If significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction taxes will be estimated accordingly. New construction will be based on whatever is complete on the previous June 30th.

November 1st — Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.

December — Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarter bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

MICHAEL MCKENNA Chairman
GERALD J. NOONAN Vice-Chairman
SCOTT TIMULTY Clerk

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In their first academic year as a team, Superintendent, Dr. Andrew Keough and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Lisha Cabral demonstrated strong leadership capabilities. "Status quo" and "that is the way we used to do it" became phrases that were no longer considered acceptable. Dr. Keough and Dr. Cabral's passion for education and desire to further improve the learning experiences for our children required a greater effort from everyone involved in education throughout the district. Our faculty and staff rose to the occasion!

In his first year as Superintendent, a key priority for Dr. Keough was to develop an Entry Plan that would serve as the foundation for a new strategic plan for the district. He explained that he sought to hear from as many stakeholders in the community as possible in order to gain a true sense of what they felt what was working well in the schools and what was not. Upon presenting a draft of his findings he explained that it represented what he had heard repeatedly at meetings with various town groups, school staff, School Committee members, parents, and informal conversations with students. The major components of his findings included: Data Analysis, School Improvement driven by Visions and Core Values, EPS Strengths, EPS Challenges and Opportunities, and Next Steps. From this entry plan, and in collaboration with his leadership team, Dr. Keough completed the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan for the District and presented it to the School Committee in the fall of 2015. This strategic plan, which is extremely comprehensive and reflective of the town's desires, will serve as the overarching guide for improvement plans and initiatives for the next three years.

The Committee wishes to extend sincere congratulations to Dr. Cabral upon receiving her Doctorate from Northeastern University in March 2015; We view this as quite an accomplishment and know that the students of Easton will be the beneficiaries of her hard work.

For the academic year '14 – '15 the majority of the School Committee remained unchanged, comprised of Caroline O'Neill, Laurie Han, Donna Abelli and Frederick Isleib. In the spring of 2015, Jacqueline Wiseman was elected to the School Committee. She has been a valuable addition and has brought many valuable insights to the Committee.

In February of 2015, the School Committee approved an Operating Budget of $38,157,137 for the academic year of 2015/2016 which represented a 4.33% increase. It included specific items to cover the increase in bus transportation costs, special education requirements, employee contractual requirements, higher natural gas costs and waste water treatment services. The lack of additional funding made it difficult for the District to implement new programs and/or reduce class sizes in the Oliver Ames and Easton Middle School. From the standpoint, of per pupil spending, the Town of Easton, continues to be closer to the bottom in this statistic in the state of Massachusetts.

During the summer of 2015, Deborah Hammett joined the Easton Administrative team as the new principal at the Richardson Olmsted School. Ms. Hammett came to Easton by way of Martha's Vineyard and has been a teacher/leader for 27 years.

In June of 2015, the following teachers attained Professional Status, having completed their third year of teaching and having excelled in the role: Jeffrey Benson (EMS), Lynne LeBlanc (OAHS), Dinelle Eaton (PKV), Maria Martino (OAHS), Paul Flaherty (OAHS), Kelly Moroso (CTR), Alexandra Fogarty

(OAHS), Sara Papetti (EMS), Cori Giampietro (MH), Donna Paul (MH), Craig Goldberg (OAHS), Mary Reese (PKV), Brian Gotsell (OAHS), Colleen Rose (OAHS), Michael Korn (OAHS), Stephanie Sanpietro (MH)and Meghan Sharkey OAHS). The Easton Public Schools congratulate these teachers and are excited to be a part of their career progression.

As part of his own professional development, Dr. Keough traveled to Switzerland in June 2015 to participate in a leadership conference called the *Global Student Leadership Summit.* Traveling with other leaders from all over the world, the participants practiced the *Design Thinking Model* and focused on how they might change their thinking with regard to technology use in 21st century schools. This was a valuable opportunity to listen and gather true insight from schools on the cutting edge of education and bring valuable insights back to Easton for implementation.

During the fiscal year 2015, the Easton school district continued its encouragement of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) related initiatives throughout the schools. Recognizing that the jobs of the future will in fact be in these fields, the School Committee strongly supports STEAM activities for the benefit of our students. An example of the District's efforts was a *Family STEAM Night* held in June at the Richardson Olmsted School. The event was developed for pre-kindergarten to second grade children and their families in an effort to encourage early exposure to education in STEAM areas, family fun, and outreach to the community. All resident children of Easton were invited to attend.

As mentioned in previous annual reports, the Easton Public Schools recently had a complete facility audit completed by Dore & Whittier Inc. Their findings confirmed our previously held belief that the three PreK-2 elementary schools have outlived their useful life and are in need of significant remodeling or replacement. As a result, the Easton School Committee and Board of Selectmen, in April 2015, authorized the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority a *Statement of Interest*. The *Statement of Interest* was submitted for consideration under Priority 7 to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Priority 7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. The District was notified subsequent to the end of the fiscal year that Easton was not invited to participate in the MBSA for funding at this time.

During the academic year, the Residency Policy was revised to be more encompassing, while providing an enriching experience for students abroad. The committee remains committed to the concept that exposing our students to individuals of diverse backgrounds benefits not only our school, but our society.

As we recall all too vividly, February 2015 brought an unprecedented amount of snowfall resulting in six snow days and significant amount of cleanup work. The School Committee would like to thank the DPW and our school custodians for the amazing work they did with the unprecedented amount of snow removal.

The School Committee recognizes that safety is paramount in creating a positive learning environment, and to this end, the Committee executed a contract with Synergy Solutions to provide a security audit for the Easton Public Schools. Subsequent to the audit, security training was provided to all staff as well as recommendations related security infrastructure. Looking to the future and seeking to ensure the security of our schools at all times, we will be advocating that the recommendations brought forth through the audit be implemented as quickly as financially feasible.

The District also recognizes that we are fortunate to have such valuable resources in "our own backyard" at both Stonehill College and Bridgewater State University. To this end, this year Dr. Keough worked diligently to strengthen the District's relationships with the Presidents of the respective schools, Father

Denning and Fred Clark. The rationale is that through collaboration with these neighboring educational leaders we might further develop learning and enrichment opportunities for our students. The work has been mutually beneficial and we look forward to even better relations in the future!

During the academic year, in an act of true generosity, the students from Richardson Olmsted and Easton Middle School reached out to Syrian refuge children by making rainbow loom bracelets and headbands to bring a smile to their faces. Although, it seemed a small act, it was in fact an impactful experience for both our students and the children of Syria. We thank all of the children, families, and staff members that helped make this powerful learning experience possible.

The Athletics program under Director, Bill Matthews continues to flourish. A few worthwhile notes include the creation of Easton's Unified Track and Field Program at OAHS. This was a tremendous success providing a wonderful opportunity for our varsity athletes and those who are mentally and physically disadvantaged. The Unified Track Team is an MIAA sanctioned sport, and the cost to the district was low due to initial grants from Special Olympics. In addition, we are proud to announce that this year *The Boston Globe* recognized Coaches Janice Sundell (Girl's Hockey) and John Barata (Boy's Soccer) as *Massachusetts Coaches of the Year*. We commend them both on their accomplishments and thank them for their efforts on behalf of our students.

We would like to acknowledge the incredible success of the Oliver Ames *Iron Tigers Robotics Team* and Easton Middle School Jazz Band. Both received gold medals for outstanding performances. We commend and thank them both for their efforts!

Finally, this year the School Committee accepted the following retirements: Ellen Crowley, Paraprofessional, Dennis Doyle, Custodian, Kathy Donahue, Paraprofessional, Robert Evans, Custodian, Linda Fernandes, Teacher, Kathryn Gentile, Teacher, Bonny Luke, Custodian, Elaine Mello, Teacher, Denise Robbins, Paraprofessional, Karen Van Zandt, Teacher and Susan Westin, Paraprofessional. We thank them for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

The School Department Administration Offices are located at 50 Oliver Street, North Easton. The main phone number is 508-230-3200. You can visit the District website, which was updated this year at www.easton.k12.ma.us. We welcome your comments, suggestions, feedback and ideas.

On behalf of all the students in the District, we thank the community of Easton for your steadfast support and look forward to continued success in the future.

Respectfully Submitted:

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As the Superintendent of the Easton Public Schools it is an honor to submit this Annual Report for the 2015 calendar year. I am proud to report that the school system is in excellent shape and that we remain steadily focused on the goals outlined in the new District Strategic Plan. This document, which can be easily located on our newly revised school website (http://www.easton.k12.ma.us), contains our vision, theory of action, core values, strategic objectives, and strategic priorities. The following represents a status report and compilation of the key events taking place within the Easton Public Schools over the course of 2015. Naturally, this is not an all-inclusive listing of the many accomplishments of the school system, which are many rather it serves as a snapshot for the year. As your district leader, I could not be prouder of the work we are doing here in Easton and look forward to our continued progress in the years to come.

Statistical and Budget Information – On October 1, 2015 we had 3,795 students enrolled. Of that population, 1,889 were male and 1,906 female. Students with special needs represented 16.4%, students who reported having a language other than English as their native language made up 3.4%, and 1.2% were identified as English Language Learners (ELL). Of Oliver Ames graduates, 47% planned to attend private colleges/universities, 33%, state colleges/universities, 13% planned to attend 2-year state college programs, 1% planned to work, 2% planned to join the military, and 2% were uncertain. On state mandated MCAS testing Easton students in grades 3-10 performed at or above the state average in science and improved the number of students scoring proficient or advanced in math while maintaining performance levels in science and ELA from 2014:

2015	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs Improvement		% Warning/Failing	
	Easton	State	Easton	State	Easton	State	Easton	State
English Language Arts	23	*	56	*	17	*	5	*
Mathematics	36	*	37	*	19	*	8	*
Science	15	15	48	39	32	33	5	12

*Due to both MCAS and PARCC testing in 2015, state data has not yet been reported for ELA and math.

The overall budget for the 2015-2016 school year was $38,157,137 which represents a 4.33% increase from the previous year. In addition to contractual staff increases, this budget included further contractual increases in the waste water treatment facility maintenance, gas, and transportation (both general education and special education). Student medical and social-emotional needs presented the necessity to include a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, a medical nurse, and substitute building nurses in the budget as well. Finally, the guidance department began using Naviance software for student information and analysis, and an exciting addition to the Oliver Ames Program of Studies in 2015 was Virtual High School. This will provide students with the opportunities to explore enriching and interesting subjects that are not currently offered at the high school that they may want to pursue for individual development or perhaps study as a college or career path.

Professional Development – Recognizing that professional educators need continual training to remain current in cutting edge practices as well as time to collaborate, the Easton Public Schools have placed great emphasis on ensuring that this work remains a top priority. To that end, under the direction of Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Lisha Cabral, a number of the new initiatives that were put into effect during 2014 were

continued, and extended programming were also offered. A primary example includes Easton University which will soon be extended to Easton Community University. Easton University provides a broad variety of opportunities for teachers to hone their craft. The sessions are practical, easily accessible, and free to staff. Topics this year included every content area such as writing and literacy in English Language Arts, astronomy and inquiry-based approaches in science, STEM and a woman in technology seminar for technology and engineering, Geographic Information Systems and a National Endowment for the Humanities opportunity for social studies, and much more in other content areas. Sessions that provided best practices and supports in pedagogical approaches included social learning and data collection and analysis. Courses were extended to all staff that included CPR and First Aid, office relationships and protocols, stress reduction, Social Security and Pension information for educators, and an author series with nationally recognized experts in literacy, as well as many others. Additionally this year, Easton teachers were provided with training in educational technology appropriate to their grade level(s) and time to collaborate as they continue writing aligned and rigorous units of instruction in all content areas utilizing the *Understanding by Design* process learned in previous professional development. This will create integrated units of study coordinated with the Massachusetts learning standards, which all teachers in Easton will use to guide instruction.

Facilities

The following are some of the school operations highlights that occurred over the past year:

- Moreau Hall Roof Project was closed out and a commissioning report was accepted by the Municipal Building Committee.
- Purchased a new special education van.
- Completed short-term repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Fire suppression systems were tested and repaired at all schools.
- Integrated Pest Management Plans were updated and schools were inspected on a monthly basis.
- Annual Inspection and repairs of school boilers and generators.
- Performed preventative maintenance on the energy management systems at each school
- All kitchen hoods were inspected and cleaned.
- Preventive maintenance was conducted on all school elevators and lifts.
- Performing Arts Center stage rigging and related equipment were inspected and repaired.
- Kitchen appliances were inspected and repaired, as needed.

Special Services Department

Goals of the Special Services Department include:

- Develop programs in district to serve students with a range of disabilities so that students can be educated within their own community
- Provide staff with high quality professional development that will have a positive impact on students
- Continuously clarify process and procedures relative to Special Education laws and regulations in order to increase compliance with federal and state mandates
- Continuously analyze use of allocated funds to ensure effective and efficient use of resources

Over the past year, the Special Education Department has worked collaboratively to achieve a number of goals that are aligned with the district's Core Values and Strategic Objectives.

Core Values:

Academic Excellence and Equity for All
Cooperative and Caring Relationships
Respecting and Valuing Diversity
Commitment to Community

Strategic Objectives:

Family and Community Engagement
Ensuring the Social, Emotional, and Physical Well Being of All Easton Students
Resource Efficiency and Attainment
Advancing Student Achievement

Specific Accomplishments:

- Defined existing special education programs and created consistency and vertical articulation across the district
- Through savings achieved in the newly negotiated teacher's contract, hired Special Education Coordinators (PK-5) to oversee IEP process, allowing School Psychologists to focus on evaluations and social emotional needs of students
- Developed a Therapeutic Learning Center at PK-2 to support students with significant social and emotional needs which has decreased out of district placements
- Added a School Adjustment Counselor (PK-2) to provide counseling services at Center and Parkview and provide consistent support to the TLC program
- Hired a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, (replacing an existing position) to support students in PK-5, decreasing the need for outside consultants
- Hired ABA Technicians to work with students who have significant needs, eliminating the need for out of district placements
- Streamlined the process for purchase orders to increase efficiency and accountability
- Collaborated with the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) to reestablish meetings

PreK-2 - Center School, Moreau Hall and Parkview School

When the children of Easton begin their journey through the Easton Public Schools they are welcomed into schools that work vigorously and collaboratively to provide each student with a world-class education. We work together to set common goals that promote the pillars of our school district: Academic Excellence for all, Social and Emotional Health, Resource Efficiency and Family and Community Engagement.

Academic Excellence starts with framing our units of study around the MA State Curriculum Frameworks and utilizing common assessments to pinpoint the learning needs of each student. Through a systematic Response to Intervention (RTI) implementation maximizing all of our personnel and curriculum resources, ALL students are receiving targeted, small group instruction in literacy and in math every day. NO child is "falling through the cracks". Students are progress monitored in early literacy and are progressing toward mastery of end of year standards at rates never seen before. The literacy data amongst all of our students has never been stronger; we are intervening early and often and our students are experiencing the confidence and motivation that comes with early success in learning.

Our primary schools also work consciously and collaboratively to help raise emotionally healthy, compassionate young citizens. We continue training teachers in the Open Circle Social Competency Program as well as using the "Bucket filling" literature and language to teach respect and kindness. This year, a new Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC) opened at Center School to provide appropriate educational programming for students with social/emotional disabilities or mental health concerns. At Parkview School, a new Foundations Program opened to provide specialized programming to students with cognitive and developmental impairments. A new special education structure includes a BCBA, a school adjustment counselor, a school psychologist, lead teachers and paraprofessionals. There is also a new preschool classroom that specializes in servicing students with autism, keeping these young students in their district and successfully integrating them into classrooms.

Perhaps the most impactful characteristic of each of our primary schools is the collective embrace of parents and families as partners in education. Principals know every student and family by name. Families are welcomed through events like Back-to-School Picnics, Get Acquainted Nights, Family Fun Days, active PTAs, and a kindergarten orientation. Moreover, parents are welcomed into classrooms as volunteers and regularly communicate with their child's teacher and principal. We solicit involvement from the community with ongoing partnerships with Bridgewater State University, Stonehill College, NRT, the Y of Easton, Easton Garden Club and many more.

Our collective goal is to send students to third grade as self-confident readers, writers, thinkers, problem solvers; students that have learned the value of compassion and that have an undeniable sense of curiosity.

Richardson Olmsted School

Community, caring and collaboration set the pace for learning at the Richardson Olmsted School. We are grateful for the relationships we've forged with local colleges and community organizations. We host student teachers from area colleges and welcome the Stonehill athletes who volunteer at our recess. Kathy McNamara, head of the education department at Stonehill, has joined our School Advisory Council. Our school is home to such programs as College Gate, Temple, The YMCA, youth basketball, and high school robotics. We welcome parents who run after school clubs, volunteer in our cafeteria and run the school store. These strong partnerships demonstrate our ongoing commitment to community. Our new digital sign, a service project by former student, Dan Borbely, proudly marks the entrance to our school while representing the powerful community bonds our students can maintain as they grow older.

Social and emotional learning along with diversity awareness have taken center stage at our community meetings. The whole school meets regularly to read stories about individual differences or social issues. Each child responds in writing to these powerful texts and we highlight a few of their heartfelt and masterfully written responses. We share songs about kindness and recognize the contributions of our "unsung heroes" such as clerical aides and custodians. Trained parent volunteers from the iCare reading program share stories in our classrooms about children with disabilities. To enhance wellness and focus, we now have a yoga program and we are piloting the use of stability balls as chairs. Our "Spirit Days of Giving" have started a tradition of service learning. The Social Emotional Learning and Diversity Committee meets monthly to improve our social curriculum.

Collaborative teams of teachers create units of study for math and English language arts. These rigorous units promote the analytical thinking and problem solving skills our students need to achieve at high levels. With the help of IDEAL Consulting and progress monitoring, we collect and analyze formative achievement data in reading and math. This data allows us to target instruction for our diverse learners and to evaluate their responsiveness to the interventions we provide. Small group learning centers, based on student need, drive our instruction. Looking at data collaboratively and planning for individual learners has grown to include learning specialists in co-teaching practices. Teachers also share iPad centers which allow children to access relevant digital content and creatively produce their own. Through the sharing of resources and planning in teams, our teachers have contributed to the success of their colleagues, and in turn, to the success of all our learners.

The Town of Easton provides us with the financial resources we need to help our children achieve at high levels both socially and academically.

Easton Middle School

The Easton Middle School recognizes the unique needs of middle school students, while providing a safe and respectful learning environment that inspires students to "Make Their Mark." This year at EMS, we have increased our commitment to community service and embraced a new student leadership program, which helps students develop the confidence to be positive peer role models. We have expanded our special subjects programming with the addition of exciting STEAM classes including: Math Through Art

(gr.8), Introduction to Coding (gr.6), Advanced Coding (gr.7), and Computer Assisted Design (CAD) and 3-D Modeling (gr.8). Our continued partnership with Bridgewater State University's City Lab program provided hands-on lab experience for students through the study of genetics. Additionally, Project Earth View, an interactive giant globe was on loan from BSU. EMS students were able to step inside this two-story portable classroom that reveals landforms, oceans and tectonic plates.

The Easton Middle School also continues to offer more than 33 different after-school opportunities and enrichment clubs for students, including sports, Student Council, A.M.P. (Advanced Math & Physics), Buddies, Robotics, Foreign Language Club, Friendship Club, and Cross fit Club, to name a few.

EMS has continued to cultivate our students' sense of community, by providing team-based community service projects. Our 18 student teams have taken on projects partnered with community groups such as the Easton Council on Aging, the recreation department, the American Heart Association, Cradles to Crayons, as well as several elementary schools and other town departments. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed 81 new members into the organization and undertook a number of individualized community service projects.

This year, as part of the School Improvement Plan, we created a community service award. This award recognizes a student who makes an outstanding contribution, whether to the school community or to the world, in the spirit of community service. This is the first year of presenting this award. EMS awarded Taylor Kodzis the 2015 "Make Your Mark" community service award, for her inspirational idea to bring smiles to the Syrian refugee children. Taylor made bracelets with her friends from school and her Girl Scout troop. Her efforts sent over 2,000 bracelets to the Karam Foundation team on the Turkish/Syrian border; the bracelets were distributed to hundreds of children.

The middle school has also continued to recognize students who model the Easton Middle School's Core Values and demonstrate excellence within the school community. This special honor is given monthly to a boy and girl from each team, who make-up the Easton Middle School "Students of the Month". Each term, the school has also recognized students with perfect attendance, and students who have performed independent community service.

Oliver Ames High School

Art Department

Art Contests
Participants were chosen from grades 10-12 to compete in the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, regionally hosted by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. There were many award winners from Oliver Ames. Twenty students were entered, 15 awards were given to Oliver Ames: **5 Gold Keys, 7 Silver Keys and 4 Honorable Mention**.
Gold Key Recipients: Senior, Olivia Mileika (3 gold keys); Junior, Karinna Mekler (2 gold keys)
16th Annual Congressional Art Competition
Karinna Mekler 1st Place in Drawing for 4th Congressional District. Artwork will be displayed in Congressman Kennedy's District office in Newton for the year
Legacy Art Show at the Ames Estate - Oliver Ames students placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention. Olivia Mileika received 1st place.
Art Exhibits/Shows

- Oliver Ames Art levels 2, 3, and 4 exhibit at the Artist's Studio and Gallery at Patriots Place in Foxboro was held on the weekend of Friday, February 27th–March 1st
- The annual Oliver Ames Art Show was held on Friday, May 8th

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Athletic Department

Oliver Ames offered 29 varsity sports this past year. Sixty-five percent of the student population participated in at least one athletic activity – an astoundingly high percentage. OA counted 1,355 total athletes participating across all sports in all three seasons.
Teams winning the Hockomock Davenport Division title were boys' basketball, boys and girls' indoor track, girls' spring track, baseball, golf, field hockey, boys' soccer, girls' soccer and boys' cross country.
The golf team finished the regular season undefeated and dominated the Hockomock League Championship Tournament. The team won the tournament with the three participating OA golfers finishing first, second and third.
The boys' soccer team finished the season as undefeated state champions, the first ever state championship for OA boys' soccer. The team was also recognized for the 2nd straight year with the National Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award.
Forty-five of our student athletes were named Hockomock All Stars. League MVP's were Haley Gula, girls' swimming, and Francesca Calabraro, girls' soccer. Chris Romero, boys' soccer, and Francesca Calabraro, girls' soccer were named to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All Scholastic teams.

Business Department

The Oliver Ames DECA organization was again successful in sending students to the District Level. Forty-eight students qualified for states and attended this two day competition. Thirteen students qualified for the national competition in 2015.

English Department

Amanda Martin received the Charlene Howarth Award, and Michaela Sarro and Kellie Powers won the English Department's book awards. Eleni Constantinou won the school-wide Poetry Out Loud contest and progressed to the district competition held on Cape Cod in March 2016. Once again, Mrs. Hadge's Humanities' class visited the Gardner Museum on a field trip with the Art and Industrial Arts departments.

Family & Consumer Science Department

We welcome Betti Almeida to the department. Betti has an excellent teaching background in Foods and Textiles, and we are fortunate to have her join the Oliver Ames High School community.

Guidance Department

The guidance department is pleased to announce that the graduation class of 2015 had 81percent enroll in a 4 year college and 4 percent enroll in a 2 year college. We are also having a successful year so far with 50 percent of the senior class applying to college by the end of December 2015. Some early acceptances have already come in from Dartmouth College, West Point, Boston College and Tufts University. The department saw the implementation of Virtual High School, and 50 students signed up to take semester and year-long courses in a wide variety of topics including Animal Behavior/Zoology, Peacemaking Studies, and Italian Language & Culture.
Naviance is now in its second year at the high school and supports students with goal setting, career assessments, resume writing, and college searches.

Industrial Technology Department

Students had a productive year working in Mechanical Drawing, Architectural Design, and Technical Drawing classes. Students continue to work on metal and wood projects, community service projects, and small engine repairs.

Library/Media Center

The library continues to be the academic hub of the school. Students and faculty continue to take advantage of the many resources offered to them, books, eBooks, databases, computers and Chromebooks. The number of classes, circulation of books, and usage of databases increased this year.

Math Department

The senior class recipients of the Mathematics Achievement Awards for 2015 were Emily Flaherty and Manny Ramirez. The Math Team earned another top finish in the American Atlantic-Pacific Mathematics Competition. The Robotics Team completed their build cycle to compete in the First Robotics "Recycle Rush" Challenge in March 2015 at Bryant and Northeastern Universities. Under Mr. Tuite's tutelage, The OA Channel 2 Quiz Show Team qualified for the state tournament, finishing within the top 16 out of 140 teams.

Music Department

January: Twenty-five students represented Oliver Ames in Southeast District. Two were chosen to participate in Allstate in March.
February-March: Awards received in competition: The Show Choir received one Grand Champion Award and four Gold Medals. The musical "Into the Woods" was presented in March. The Jazz Ensemble received 3rd Place, one Silver Medal and two Gold Medals. The Chamber Orchestra
MICCA Festival: Bronze Rating.
April-June: Additional Ensembles: The Jazz Combo played at several community events. The Oliver Ames Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra traveled to Montreal Canada to participate in the Rhythms International Festival. The Oliver Ames Concert Choir, Orchestra and Concert Band presented their Spring Scholarship Concerts raising funds to award ten Seniors Music Scholarships.
September-December: The Marching Band received two first place awards, two Star ratings and the State Championship at US Bands. The Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra presented a concert at the Immaculate Conception Church. Senior, Andrew Kozak, performed with the ALL NATIONAL CHOIR in Nashville. The Show Choir held the 31st Annual Baystate Festival. The Concert ensembles and Guitar classes presented the Winter Concert in December. The Chamber Orchestra and Concert Choir's presented Handel's Messiah.

Physical Education Department

Students in grades 9 and 10 focused on an awareness of the health-related components of fitness by completing writing assignments on cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, and endurance. These quarterly reports are part of the "Writing across the Curriculum" initiative."

Science Department

Mrs. Ayasse organized the Intermediate Science Olympiad at the R-O School. New this year is the Engineering Program collaboration between high school and fifth grade students. Fifth graders designed a mousetrap car with mentoring from high school Science Team students who coached the fifth graders on the engineering, construction and re-design processes. The Science Team competed in the Regional Science Olympiad and the State Science Olympiad. The Envirothon Team competed in the State Envirothon Competition where the current issue focused on climate change. Senior recipients of the Science Achievement Award were Kevin Dias, Molly Donovan, Haley Hill and Kyle Nichols.

This year Oliver Ames Science teacher, Kerri Murphy was named Massachusetts 2015 STEM Teacher of the Year. This is a great honor and a testament to the hard work being dedicated to the instruction of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in the Easton Public Schools.

Social Studies Department

Students had a number of opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom: the Close-Up program, the Mock Trial program, Model Senate, Model UN, and International Travel and Study Program. Two seniors were elected to Student Government Day, Manny Ramirez and Robert Capodilupo, at the Massachusetts State House. Kayla Starr's submission in the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy speech contest won at the school, district, and state levels. The Social Studies Book Award recipients from the class of 2015 were Manny Ramirez and Malika Murodova. The recipients of the 2015 Hazel Varella Leadership Award were Melissa Martins and Hannah Williams.

World Language Department

Seniors awarded for achievement in language study at Senior Class Night (June 2015):
Alicia Carroll and John Ramirez - Spanish
Phillip Michalowski - French
Samuel Foley - Latin
National Latin Exam (March 2015) - 2 Gold Medal winners: Julia Corona and Noah Herman

Conclusion – The town of Easton has had much to be proud of in 2015. Whether through the accomplishments of our students, the recognitions of our staff, or the stellar curriculum offered to our students, the Easton Public Schools clearly rank among the best the State of Massachusetts has to offer. We are again grateful to the community of Easton for continuing to support our efforts, to the entire town government for believing in the importance of our work, and especially to the School Committee, led by Chairman, Fred Isleib, who has brought structure, dedication, and an unrelenting pursuit of excellence to the schools. We look forward to continuing the tradition in 2016!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Keough, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The newly formed Department of Health & Community Services (HCS) is comprised of the Council on Aging, Health Department, Recreation and Veteran's services. This format leverages the strengths of each of these departments as they work cooperatively in achieving their similar goals of promoting health, wellness and community engagement.

The Department provides staff support to the Council on Aging, Board of Health and Recreation Commission.

Council on Aging: The Council on Aging staff provides support to seniors by providing services and resources that enrich the lives of those living in our community. Utilizing a variety of funding sources such as the annual town budget, the Executive Office of Elder affairs formula grant, other grants, and donations, we are able to provide exciting and supportive programs such as:

- Fitness classes including Tai-Chi, Yoga, Senior Fitness, Sit & Get Fit and Zumba classes.
- Games including Recreation Bingo, Board Games, Canasta, Cribbage, Mah Jongg, Recreational Poker,
- Classes and Enrichment opportunities including Swedish Weaving and Quilting, painting, piano.
- Birthday Luncheons held every other month at The Housing Authority where entertainment is provided along with a healthy meal.
- We operate up to 4 shuttle busses daily transporting residents to a variety of local destinations including medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers, and the community building at Parker Terrace and Frothingham Hall Community Center for Council on Aging programs and congregate meals. Transportation is available for civic activities such as voting as well.
- Access to numerous supportive programs such as help filing income tax returns, navigating the health insurance options, and applications to financial assistance programs.

Board of Health: The Board of Heath Staff provides support technical support to the Board of health and fulfills many of the legally mandated duties. The department is responsible for licensing and inspecting a large number and type of establishments and operations including Body Art Establishments; Body Art Practitioners; Recreational Camps for Children; Motels/Trailer Parks; Food service including Mobil food vendors, farmers market and temporary; Death Certificates (done with the help of the Town Clerk's office); Dumpsters; Dumpster Service; Funeral Directors; Disposal System Construction Permits; Disposal Works Installer Permits; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities; Title 5 inspectors; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools; Tanning Facilities; Tobacco Sales Permits; Residential Curbside Trash Collectors; and Septic Pumping Trucks.

Additionally, the staff provides support to the community on all public health issues.

- Through emergency preparedness trainings and activities, collaborating with regional planners and town leaders we continue to prepare to provide active support or leadership in the event of an emergency.
- Health promotion activities in conjunction with the Town's contract nurse such as annual flu clinics, blood pressure clinics, health screening clinics and an annual rabies clinic coordinated by the Animal Inspector. The Contract Nurse conducted communicable disease investigations and provided information and guidance on emergent health issues such as Ebola.

- We were able to add a second free sharps collection day by working with BAMSI in supporting the efforts of Wings of Hope, a local coalition working on providing solution and resources in the evolving issue opioid use and addiction.
- We continue to administer the Septic Betterment loan program which has provided over $1,750,000 in the form of low interest loans for the purpose of replacing failed septic systems. This brings to total to 75 properties that have been upgraded using this program.
- The Department began the process of instituting online permitting for all Board of Health permits and licenses applications. Full automation is expected to be complete in 2016.
- The professionals in the office maintained their education requirements for their state licenses and certifications by attending seminars and classes throughout the year on a variety of topics. We respond to complaints and concerns of conditions which could present a risk to the public health.

Veterans' Services: All veterans are invited to stop by and audit any and all benefits earned from the Veterans Administration, the State of Massachusetts, or other organizations that serve veterans to ensure receipt of all authorized services. We openly encourage any veteran, especially those of limited financial means, to visit and connect to the plethora of assistance they have earned due to their service to our country.

The calendar year 2015 brought the following changes and opportunities:

- Relocation of Veterans' services department to Frothingham Hall, 15 Barrows Street, North Easton, providing administrative support staff in the same location along with additional support services for all veterans through its proximity to department partners.
- Departure of VSO Hsiu-Ann Tom
- Hiring of full time VSO Jason D. Haven on Dec 7th 2015.
- Dedicated Frothingham Hall Memorial Flag Pole on Dec 7th 2015.
- Further refining of the processes to expedite claims, reimbursements, and payments of Chapter 115 benefits to ensure the Town of Easton gets the maximum reimbursement.
- Continuation of professional development by attended the Department of Veterans Services/Massachusetts Veterans Service Officer Association joint training conference.

Recreation: The Recreation staff works to offer a multitude of programs and special events to meet the recreational needs of all populations within the community.

- Youth Programs: Hip hop, Art, Flag Football, Musical Theatre, Running Club, Tennis, Girls Volleyball, March Madness Basketball, Basketball Clinics, Kayaking, Swimming Lessons, Swim Team, Full Day Summer Program, Wrestling, Tee Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Babysitting Course, CPR and First Aid, Cross Country, Science Exploration and Play Well Lego Technology.
- Adult Programs: Kayak Adventures, Men's Basketball, Sunday Morning Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball and Tennis.
- New Basketball Skills Clinics had over 200 participants in grades Pre K – 8.
- Annual Egg Hunt. Eggs were scattered on the lawn of the Town Offices and collected by our largest group ever.
- Dale and The Duds concert at Frothingham Park, sponsored by North Easton Savings Bank.
- 2nd Annual Duck Pluck. The numbered ducks were poured into the Town Pool where one of our brave lifeguards dove in and pulled out ducks for our lucky prizewinners.
- Additional support staff was added at 10 hours per week.
- A new project is the Eastondale Playground. A Recreation Sub-Committee has been formed to begin the process of renovating this facility.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Kennedy, Director of Health and Community Services

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District consists of a four-year public high school and a post-secondary technical institute. During 2014-2015, the high school offered 30 career majors to students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The Southeastern Technical Institute offered the following day programs: Practical Nurse, Medical Assisting and Dental Assisting. Evening programs included Computer, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Driver's Education, Enrichment classes, HVAC, Health Claims, Medical classes, Phlebotomy and Practical Nurse.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE consists of ten dedicated individuals elected from the communities of Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

Michael Pietrowski is the Easton Representative on the School Committee.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year public high school serving the young men and women from the City of Brockton and the Towns of East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater.

At Southeastern this year, students chose from 30 career majors in preparation for life's opportunities and challenges. Our school combines a rigorous academic curriculum with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential.

The schedule was designed to have students alternate between academic and technical coursework. This process promotes integration of studies and helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

The hands-on approach to learning helped reconnect students to education, and provided the basis for life-long learning – an essential skill in today's highly competitive global market.

Upon graduation, students had the choice of furthering their education in any two or four year institution, internships, certification programs, military service or going directly into the workforce.

Exploratory Program - The goal at Southeastern is to have students choose a career major that excites them about school and education. Recognizing the fact that many incoming students had not spent much time considering their future, we developed a Freshman Exploratory Program which combines career counseling, career exploration, academic studies, and testing to help students make the right decision. Ninth grade applicants selected several technical areas they wished to explore. The exploratory program consisted of examining many different program areas. Parents were encouraged to participate by asking their child about each program and by attending Freshman Parent Meetings.

Near the completion of the 9th grade, students were asked to choose a career major. Every effort was made to place students in their preferred career, with over 93% receiving their first or second choice. Acceptance into many programs was highly competitive and students were ranked based on their effort, grades, behavior, and attendance. It was imperative that ninth grade students did well in all their classes, maintained nearly perfect attendance, and avoided behavioral issues. Students not getting their first choice were assigned an alternate program and placed on a waiting list. All our programs prepared students for high-demand high-paying career fields.

SkillsUSA Massachusetts, in partnership with business and industry, provided opportunities for members to develop individually and improve teamwork, leadership and professional skills through education,

training, service, and competition. SkillsUSA provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities. This year's competitions were held at local, state & national levels.

The Cooperative Education program provided supervised workplace employment opportunities and learning experiences for qualified high school students. The Co-op program was based on an agreement developed among an employer, a student, and the high school staff. All were eligible to participate in Co-op, provided they met basic qualifications required by the school and employer. During the 2014/15 school year, 139 students were successfully placed on Co-op.

The process began when students were recommended by their vocational education teacher as being ready to work in the trade. These "job-ready" students were matched with an employer who offered work hours in a job related to the student's career program. Students participated in Co-op during their technical-vocational cycles.

Seniors who were enrolled in a vocational program for a minimum of two years and exceptional eleventh grade students with two years in the program were recommended by their vocational instructors to participate in the program. The decision to accept a student for Co-op was based on the student's vocational skill level, academic grades, attendance, and conduct records. Students were required to have OSHA training and employability certification.

CAREER CENTERS 2014-2015

School of Vocational & Technical Programs Leslie Weckesser, Vocational Director	Innovation Academy Linda Radzvilla, Vice Principal
Transportation & Metalworking ➢ (AM) Automotive Technology ➢ (CL) Collision Repair ➢ (MT) Machine Technology ➢ (VM) Manufacturing ➢ (MF) Metal Fabrication	**Visual & Performing Arts** ➢ (VP) Visual & Performing Arts Academy ➢ (AD) Visual Arts ➢ (WD) Web Design ➢ (PA) Performing Arts ➢ (PM) Video & Music ➢ (RM) Marketing ➢ (GC) Graphic Communications
Health & Public Services ➢ (CS) Cosmetology ➢ (CU) Culinary Arts ➢ (DA) Dental Assisting ➢ (ED) Early Education & Care ➢ (HS) Health Services ➢ (MS) Medical Assisting	**Emerging Technologies** ➢ (VE) Emerging Technology ➢ (EV) Environmental/Bio-Tech ➢ (CJ) Legal & Protective Services ➢ (CD) Civil & Architectural Engineering ➢ (ET) Electronics Engineering ➢ (IT) Information Technology
Building & Design ➢ (VC) Carpentry ➢ (CB) Cabinetmaking ➢ (CR) Construction ➢ (EC) Electrical ➢ (AC) Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration ➢ (PL) Plumbing	

ACADEMICS

Southeastern Regional offers a full and rigorous series of academic classes comparable to any comprehensive school. A common misconception about vocational school academics is that they are "easier" because students are only here to learn a trade. In actuality, students who attend a vocational school who apply themselves are challenged more extensively than comprehensive school students. Not only do vocational students have the opportunity to gain skills in a specific trade, but they will also be on track to attend a 4-year college by working through academic courses.

Small Classes - Our very small class sizes afforded all students the opportunity to be exposed to honors level content and assignments while working in an integrated classroom on the standards in the Massachusetts Frameworks. Academics in a 21st century vocational school were developed to ensure that students who take full advantage of our offerings will have more opportunities for high level jobs and greater success in the future.

Committed Staff - The Academic Department philosophy is that each teacher will strive to create and foster an environment that promotes students' confidence and their motivation to learn. The staff is committed to implementing our standards-based curriculum (in alignment with the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) in order to adhere to a clear and rational structure through which students, teachers, and parents can assess mastery. To ensure academic rigor, Southeastern is committed to differentiated instruction and inclusive classrooms because all students have the right to be exposed to the same high level curriculum. The Southeastern community understands and respects that our students are 21st century learners. Along with implementing traditional reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills, we continued to be in the educational forefront by accommodating individual student needs, by embracing technology, by fostering skills that support success in vocational areas, and by making efforts to stay current in each field of expertise for the benefit of Southeastern students.

My Access! - All students were exposed to a rigorous grade level appropriate curriculum in academic areas. In order to ensure that all students had the opportunity to excel, students and teachers used an online writing tool called MY Access!®, in both academic and vocational areas. This web-based tool could be used at home or in school to save time, to increase student confidence in writing while maintaining common school-wide writing expectations, and to improve critical thinking skills while increasing student confidence in academics.

Edline - All teachers and courses are linked to Edline in order for students and parents to monitor grades and assignments at home regularly. In addition to traditional textbooks, all content areas have web-based textbooks and web-based curriculum support.

Honors and Advanced Placement Commitment - All students were exposed to a rigorous grade level appropriate curriculum in academic areas. In order that all students have the opportunity to excel, students were able to make the honors commitment in one or more academic courses. In an academic class, all students were expected to meet the standards of the core curriculum. Those who wanted to could receive honors credit and go above and beyond elected honors coursework, in person or online.

Honors coursework was designed for the independently motivated learner who chose to prepare rigorously for college level expectations. Honors students must be able to work independently on multiple tasks at a given time. Honors students must be personally organized, disciplined, task committed, read above grade level, and self-motivated.

Honors students were expected to complete the entire core curriculum in addition to the projects, assessments, presentations, and readings that were required for honors students in a particular course/grade level/subject area. Work was assigned during vocational cycles and relied heavily on our web-based tools for learning. Honors students were required to have access to the internet at home, plan to use our computer labs, or plan to use their local library. Additional grade point average weight was given to students making the honors commitment, which could result in a higher class rank.

Virtual High School - Students who had proven to be independently motivated learners in all courses or in a particular content area aspiring to attend a four year college were recommended to take one or more Virtual High School courses during their sophomore to senior years. These students were required to be able to work independently on multiple tasks at a given time, personally organized, disciplined, task committed, reading above grade level, and self-motivated.

Classes were teacher facilitated and took place entirely over the internet. Class sizes were limited to 25, with an emphasis on interaction between teachers and students. It included student-centered activities and discussions. Students were able to post work to their class anytime, day or night. Classes followed a semester schedule and assignments were due at specified weekly intervals. Students who were recommended for VHS, and made the yearlong commitment, were enrolled in two semester long four-credit courses or one year long eight-credit course. To ensure students stayed on track, students reported to a monitored computer lab for one block each academic cycle. The most recent course catalog is available by clicking "Catalog" under "Programs and Courses" at http://thevhscollaborative.org/.

VHS courses are monitored regularly and adhere to the National Education Association's (NEA) recommended course guidelines for high quality online courses. Students may enroll at the Standard, Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement, or AP level. Advanced Placement testing takes place yearly at Southeastern.

READ 180, System 44 and Expert 21 are comprehensive reading intervention programs proven to meet the needs of struggling readers, directly addressing individual needs through differentiated instruction, adaptive and instructional software, high-interest literature and non-fiction, and direct instruction in reading, writing, and vocabulary skills and foundational reading/phonics skills when necessary. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to excel, students identified through placement testing as reading significantly below grade level were enrolled in our Read 180 program during their freshman and sophomore years, and Expert 21 via 21st Century ELA (English Language Arts) for Juniors and Seniors.

Bridges to Algebra II and Math strategies supported students with significant deficiencies in mathematics. Students identified through placement testing as significantly below grade level were enrolled in our Math Strategies program during their sophomore year in conjunction with Bridges to Algebra II. The program directly addressed individual needs through differentiated instruction, adaptive and instructional software, and direct instruction in basic math skills and content area vocabulary skills.

ATHLETICS

There is a wide selection of athletic activities available to students at SRVTHS. For information regarding the Athletics Schedule or registration, please contact Athletic Director Dan Tripp: dtripp@sersd.org, **508-230-1279.**

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

There are many activity choices at Southeastern Regional. Listed below are just a few of the options:

- Business Professionals of America
- Community Service Club
- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
- Drivers' Education
- Gay, Straight Alliance Club (GSA)
- National Honor Society
- Non-Traditional Support Group
- Peer Leadership
- SADD

- Ski Club
- SkillsUSA
- Student Council
- Southeastern Travel Club
- Yearbook

Participation in SkillsUSA and DECA provides Southeastern Regional students with the opportunity to earn local, state, and national awards for excellence in the technical skills they are learning at Southeastern Regional.

In addition to the above activities, Southeastern Regional offers school dances, Homecoming, Junior and Senior Proms, Winter Ball, Sports and SkillsUSA Award Dinners, field trips, and a variety of special events.

Period 9-10 returned in the autumn of 2014. Some of the choices added for the 2014-2015 school year included Cupcake Wars, Drawing, Photography, Coaching for Change, Fit Club, Walking Club, Sociology of Harry Potter, Film Studies, Science Fair Prep, Hip Hop Dance and Yoga.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Extensive research has shown that students achieve more in school when their parents are involved in their education. Parent Liaison Sofia Rasher connects parents and guardians with resources and people they need to see. Sofia is available to parents and guardians at srasher@sersd.org, or 508-230-1415. Mrs. Rasher taught English for almost 40 years. After her retirement, she worked at a non-profit in Quincy with other teachers and taught English as a second language. She has worked as the Parent Liaison Coordinator at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School for the past five years. Parental involvement opportunities were as follows:

Parent Council met monthly in the early evening to discuss school policy. Staff discussed a variety of subjects with parents during early morning coffee and pastry hours.

Parent Coffee Hours - Parent Coffee Hours were held Fridays at 7:30 a.m. and grew in popularity with attendance ranging from five to 35. Each week representatives of various departments joined parents, enjoying coffee and pastry prepared by the Culinary students. Presenters described their positions at SRVTHS, gave out explanatory materials, and answered questions. A sample of presenters and topics included Russ MacLeod (Parenting Adolescents), Christina Guarini and representative counselors (Guidance Department), Linda Radzvilla (Innovation Academy), Principal Dave Wheeler (Questions and Answers), Heidi Driscoll and Barbara Zamora (Academics and Academic Support), Sharon Toomey and Bob Umano (Behavior Management, Attendance and Community Service), Joanne O'Connell (School Nurse), Ann Meade (Librarian and Media Specialist), John Perry (Cafeteria Director), Daniel Tripp (Director of Athetics), Karen Maguire (Vice Principal) and Callie Gurney (School Resource Officer) and tours of the school.

Edline (online grade/homework site) connects educators, parents, and students to share information.

Program Advisory Committee – Parent members were essential to ensure the curriculum was current with emerging trends and met the educational needs of students entering vocational fields. The committee met twice during the school year to review employment trends, equipment, curriculum, and communicate how to best prepare students for their prospective careers. For more information, see "Open to the Public, Program Advisory Committee below, or contact Terri Tello, ttello@sersd.org, **508-230-1204.**

Southeastern Regional Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is an organization of parents, teachers and administrators working to promote an environment where children with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment. It was open to all parents of special needs students in our Southeastern Regional community. Contact Tori Livingston, vlivingston@sersd.org, **508-230-1230.**

School Day Tour – Parents requested a tour of the school while in session during the day. They were entertained at Performing Arts, enjoyed a student created igloo in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), saw a student designed gate made of tools in Welding, competitive cake decorating displays in Culinary Arts and toured the new Gymnasium, Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting vocational programs, the Bio Bus, Print Shop, Special Education, the Nurse's Office as well as various other departments and locations.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Southeastern Alumni Association is made up of volunteer graduates and friends from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School who are committed to supporting the future of vocational education at Southeastern and building a social network of alumni. For information, contact Sandra Slattery, President, at sandislattery@hotmail.com.

Cosmetology Salon was open to the public, faculty and students by appointment, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. For appointments and pricing information, please call **508-230-1269**.

Colonial Room - The student-run restaurant was open to the staff and general public during the school year. The restaurant was open for breakfast (8:45-10:15) and lunch (10:45-12:30) along with other special catered events. Check the calendar at www.sersd.org/ParentsCommunity/ColonialRoom.aspx for operating dates, times, and special events. For information, call **508-230-1237.**

Program Advisory Committee advises, assists and supports school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program. Meetings were held in the autumn of 2014 and spring of 2015. The committee consists of the following representatives of local business and industry members related to each program, as well as organized labor, post-secondary institutions, parents and guardians, students and representatives for registered apprenticeship programs, if applicable.

- Automotive Technology: Peter Diman
- Business Marketing.: Bill Roy
- Cabinetmaking: Douglas Edwards
- Collision Repair: Steve Fitzgerald
- Construction Technology: John Bodio
- Cosmetology: Daniella Guarino
- Culinary Arts: George Hill
- DVC: Louise Cote
- Dental Assisting: Dr. Trufant
- Early Education: Michele Packard
- Electricity: Carl Rando
- Engineering: Paul Livingstone
- Graphic Arts: John Kelley
- Health Services: Jamar Joseph
- HVAC: Todd Watkins
- Legal & Protective Services: Allen Krajcik
- Library: Beth Roll Smith
- Machine Technology: David Jewett
- Medical Assisting: Malik Williams
- Metal Fabrication: Bob Cook
- Performing Arts: Kimberly Wilburn
- Plumbing: John Tupper

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

The Mission of the Southeastern Technical Institute is to transform students into lifelong learners. The Mission and Goals are organized around four core philosophies; the Mastery of Foundation Skills, the Development of Interpersonal Skills, Proactive Student Engagement, and a commitment to Stretch Learning Initiatives.

In the past 48 years, Southeastern Technical Institute has provided training in several vocational areas, constantly striving to meet the training needs of our students and area businesses. This year, the Technical Institute housed day and evening Practical Nurse programs, a Medical Assisting program, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program, and a Dental Assisting program. In addition, there were several evening part-time programs designed to meet the training needs of our community.

Two new Chapter 74 programs started during the 2014/2015 school year: Culinary Arts (September, 2014) and Cosmetology (March, 2015).

The STI participated in the Southeastern Regional School District's Program Advisory Committee, advising, assisting and supporting school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program. The Committee consisted of representatives of local business and industry members related to each program, organized labor, post-secondary institutions, parents and guardians, students and representatives for registered apprenticeship programs, if applicable. Meetings were held in the autumn of 2014 and spring of 2015.

STI Program Advisory Chairpersons include the following:

- Dental Assisting: Holly Connolly
- HVAC: Peter O'Conner
- Medical Assisting: Laura Lopes
- Practical Nurse: Jean Ivil
- Culinary Arts: Brad Ozerden

STI PROGRAMS

Evening Programs	Day Programs
➢ Computer Programs ➢ Cosmetology ➢ Culinary Arts ➢ Driver Education ➢ Electrical Apprenticeship ➢ Enrichment Classes ➢ Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) ➢ Health Claims ➢ Medical Classes ➢ Phlebotomy ➢ Plumbing Apprenticeship ➢ Practical Nurse	➢ Dental Assisting ➢ Medical Assisting ➢ Practical Nurse

EASTON

7/8/15 Corrina Kelly-Dias of Easton Awarded Clinical Excellence Award at 2015 Southeastern Technical Institute (STI) Graduation

Twenty-four adult education students will soon start careers as practical nurses, following graduation from an intense 10-month program. The graduates are ready to take the NCLEX-PN exam, which, when passed, enables them to work as Licensed Practical Nurses. The STI is now ranked number one (by Practical Nursing.org) in the state for Licensed Practical Nurses programs, out of 24 state-approved programs. Among the graduates was Corrina Kelly-Dias of Easton.

6/10/15 Meet Heather Michael, Southeastern Regional's Top Graduate from Easton

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to recognize Heather Michael, Early Education and Care major, and Class of 2015 graduate holding the highest grade point average from the sending community of Easton.

"My favorite experience at Southeastern Regional was getting to be in Early Education and Care. We get to actually work with children, and get a feel for what the career is actually like."

5/20/15 Class of 2015 Honored at Senior Awards Night

Members of the Class of 2015 were honored with a generous array of scholarships and toolships Wednesday night, during the traditional Senior Awards Ceremony on May 20. The following Easton residents received awards: Madeline Blackburn, Ryan Filkins, Rachael Forcucci, Heather Michael, Nicole Morawski.

12/26/14 Two Easton Residents Welcomed into the SRVTHS National Honor Society

A record number of Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School students were inducted into the Southeastern Chapter of the National Honor Society. New members from Easton include Christopher Keenan and Kali Stewart.
(Left: Kali and her parents celebrate excellence.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional documents and information may be accessed at our website at http://www.sersd.org.

- **Staff Directory**: http://www.sersd.org/About/Faculty-Staff-Listing
- **2013-2016 School Improvement Plan**: http://www.sersd.org/About/Administration/School-Improvement-Plan
- **Student Handbook**: http://www.sersd.org/Students/Student-Handbook-Copy
- **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education District Profile:**
- http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/profiles/general.aspx?topNavId=1&orgcode=08720605&orgtypecode=6&
- **Online Application to SRVTHS:**
- http://www.sersd.org/Admissions

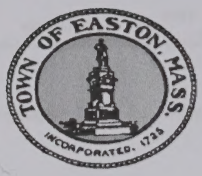
Report of the Town Collector
for the Year Ending June 30, 2015

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2014	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Tranfers to Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2015
Personal Property						
Prior Years	1,910					1,910
2004	2,085					2,085
2005	6,877					6,877
2006	767					767
2007	685				(46)	731
2008	495				(27)	522
2009	479				(30)	509
2010	2,325				(9)	2,334
2011	4,156				(3)	4,159
2012	4,976				(1)	4,977
2013	11,391				582	10,809
2014	17,345				5,910	11,435
2015		1,086,793	28,659		1,040,238	17,896
	$ 53,491	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 6,376	$ 47,115
Real Estate						
Prior Years	520					520
2006	(0)				(0)	-
2007	58					58
2008	-					-
2009	(24)				(42)	19
2010	1,793				2,393	(600)
2011	47					47
2012	532				518	14
2013	2,786		1,406		(26)	1,406
2014	396,045	56,457	113	103,089	347,290	2,009
2015	(1,766)	47,855,659	216,164	108,402	47,016,380	512,946
	$ 399,991	$ 56,457	$ 1,519	$ 103,089	$ 47,366,513	$ 3,472
Motor Vehicle Excise						
Prior years	67,602				5	67,597
2004	13,771				169	13,602
2005	10,354				66	10,288
2006	12,192				291	11,901
2007	19,783				334	19,449
2008	17,313				1,505	15,808
2009	17,464				1,612	15,852
2010	17,729				2,298	15,431
2011	15,009				3,555	11,454
2012	19,526		118		6,008	13,400
2013	51,901		2,398		28,483	21,021
2014	188,811	364,185	51,101		446,234	55,660
2015		3,208,479	137,001		2,872,126	199,352
	$ 451,454	$ 364,185	$ 190,617	$ -	$ 3,362,686	$ 271,463

Trash User Fees						
2008	(65)				(65)	-
2009	(65)		(65)			-
2010	(125)		(155)		30	-
2011	(1)				(1)	-
2012	(9)				(9)	-
2013	(35)				(35)	-
2014	59,321	91	817	35,028	23,568	-
2015	244,398	801,407	7,047	-	971,304	67,454
	$ 303,420	$ 91	$ 597	$ 35,028	$ 994,792	$ -
Water Rates and Services	$ 228,967	$ 3,117,376	$ 8	$ 149,801	$ 2,960,171	$ 236,362

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Bank Accounts	Balance June 30, 2014	+ Receipts	-Payments	Balance June 30, 2015
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	**$ 18,727,302.94**	**$ 95,883,503.62**	**$ 97,351,528.84**	**$ 17,259,277.72**
Trust Funds				
Stabilization Fund	$ 1,399,323.90	$ 268,221.22	$ 194,200.00	$ 1,473,345.12
Capital Stabilization Fund	$ 416,617.11	$ 5,035.63		$ 421,652.74
OPEB	$ 50,686.04	$ 2,763.63		$ 53,449.67
300th Anniversary Trust	$ 10,056.46	$ 845.13		$ 10,901.59
Affordable Housing Truat	$ 787,104.99	$ 13,195.81		$ 800,300.80
Conservation Fund	$ 191,714.58	$ 346.75	$ 26,413.57	$ 165,647.76
Unemployment Compensation	$ 21,339.40	$ 41.73	$ 712.00	$ 20,669.13
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	$ 1,848.27	$ 2,721.09		$ 4,569.36
OAHS Naming Campaign	$ 52,467.27	$ 18,642.33		$ 71,109.60
Mary Stone Library Fund	$ 6,454.37	$ 16.15		$ 6,470.52
Subtotal	**$ 2,937,612.39**	**$ 311,829.47**	**$ 221,325.57**	**$ 3,028,116.29**
Scholarship Funds				
Catherine Hobart Ames	$ 311,759.80	$ 1,052.42		$ 312,812.22
Charis/Macrins Scholarship	$ 22,205.49	$ 44.25	$ 1,300.00	$ 20,949.74
Connie Pozzo	$ 405.30	$ 700.86		$ 1,106.16
Coyle Green Scholarship	$ 16,144.93	$ 32.31	$ 500.00	$ 15,677.24
Devin Ness	$ -	$ 11,480.61	$ 5,000.00	$ 6,480.61
Duggan Scholarship	$ 24,831.53	$ 48.69	$ 6,600.00	$ 18,280.22
Faradie School	$ -	$ 6,913.00		$ 6,913.00
School Scholarships	$ 61,653.65	$ 57,432.06	$ 52,840.08	$ 66,245.63
Ellen Atwood	$ 2,409.36	$ 6.03		$ 2,415.39
Parker Ames	$ 178,470.90	$ 17,892.84	$ 4,000.00	$ 192,363.74
Mary A. Stone	$ 7,140.31	$ 17.87		$ 7,158.18
World War Memorial	$ 43,854.43	$ 392.58	$ 1,000.00	$ 43,247.01
Young	$ 3,611.09	$ 9.03		$ 3,620.12
Subtototal	**$ 672,486.79**	**$ 96,022.55**	**$ 71,240.08**	**$ 697,269.26**
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				
Furnace Village Cemetery	$ 22,844.15	$ 56.99	$ 114.28	$ 22,786.86
Pine Grove Cemetery	$ 7,087.46	$ 17.74		$ 7,105.20
Immaculate Conception	$ 8,861.64	$ 22.18		$ 8,883.82
South Easton	$ 11,542.31	$ 28.88		$ 11,571.19
Unionville & Town Cemeteries	$ 14,902.76	$ 37.30		$ 14,940.06
Subtotal	**$ 65,238.32**	**$ 163.09**	**$ 114.28**	**$ 65,287.13**
Total Cash	**$ 22,402,640.44**	**$ 96,291,518.73**	**$ 97,644,208.77**	**$ 21,049,950.40**



ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - July 01, 2014			**$1,513,028.38**
Additions:			
New Tax Takings	**$**	**533,683.43**	
Deductions:			
Redemptions:	**$**	**854,358.73**	
Foreclosures/Tax Lien Auction	**$**	**388,189.97**	
Balance - June 30, 2015			**$804,163.11**

Annual Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector
Debt Statement

FY2015

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Buildings	455,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	395,000.00	14,550.00
Departmental Equipment	734,000.00	400,000.00	179,000.00	955,000.00	22,845.00
School Buildings	17,960,000.00	11,186,500.00	12,815,000.00	16,331,500.00	673,814.00
School - All Other	861,000.00	30,000.00	101,000.00	790,000.00	20,769.00
Sewer	4,904,535.00	4,120,050.00	4,537,534.00	4,487,051.00	97,699.00
Solid Waste	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	6,186,000.00	1,871,500.00	1,326,000.00	6,731,500.00	197,958.00
SUB - TOTAL Inside	$31,100,535.00	$17,608,050.00	$19,018,534.00	$29,690,051.00	$1,027,635.00

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	5,120,000.00	0.00	1,290,000.00	3,830,000.00	212,612.00
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	1,924,000.00	0.00	314,000.00	1,610,000.00	52,130.00
Water	1,790,000.00	707,000.00	650,000.00	1,847,000.00	55,132.00
Other Outside	235,564.00	1,000,000.00	17,709.00	1,217,855.00	2,332.00
SUB - TOTAL Outside	$9,069,564.00	$1,707,000.00	$2,271,709.00	$8,504,855.00	$322,206.00
TOTAL Long Term Debt	$40,170,099.00	$19,315,050.00	$21,290,243.00	$38,194,906.00	$1,349,841.00

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	1,985,000.00	1,927,000.00	1,985,000.00	1,927,000.00	14,884.00
Sewer				0.00	0.00
Water	450,000.00	200,000.00	450,000.00	200,000.00	1,725.00
Other BANs	1,515,000.00	4,506,495.00	1,515,000.00	4,506,495.00	15,108.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	
TOTAL Short Term Debt	$3,950,000.00	$6,633,495.00	$3,950,000.00	$6,633,495.00	$31,717.00
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	$44,120,099.00	$25,948,545.00	$25,240,243.00	$44,828,401.00	$1,381,558.00

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2015
Library	04/8/96 & 09/7/06	7 & 4	5,700,000.00	5,664,000.00	36,000.00
Septic MWPAT	05/11/98	60	200,000.00	137,657.00	62,343.00
Library Access Rd	05/20/02	12	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
School	01/13/03	22	66,000,000.00	66,000,000.00	0.00
School Boilers	05/19/08	11	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
Pumping Station Solar Photovolta	10/05/09	5	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00
Wastewater Facility	05/16/11	10	3,300,000.00	3,175,295.00	124,705.00
Land Acquisition	05/16/11	20	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
Departmental Equipment	05/16/11	27	410,000.00	400,000.00	10,000.00
Fire Dept. Defibrillators	05/21/12	29	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Communications Equip	05/21/12	29	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
DPW Lincoln St Roadway Improv	05/21/12	29	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00
DPW Sidewalk Snow Plow w/ Att	05/21/12	29	165,000.00	165,000.00	0.00
Water Main Replacement	05/21/12	29	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
Middle School Roof Replacement	5/21/12 & 11/19/1	30	2,250,000.00	1,096,078.00	1,153,922.00
Septic MWPAT	05/21/12	31	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00
DPW Main St Revitalization Proj	05/20/13	27	980,000.00	980,000.00	0.00
Water	05/20/13	27	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
DPW Municipal Facilities Asset M	05/20/13	27	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
DPW Equipment	05/20/13	27	415,000.00	415,000.00	0.00
Fire Pumper Replacement	05/20/13	27	525,000.00	0.00	525,000.00
School Special Education Van	05/20/13	27	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
Septic Loan Program	05/20/13	31	1,000,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00
Moreau Hall Elem Sch Roof	11/04/13	9	1,500,000.00	0.00	1,500,000.00
Depot St Land Acq CPA	05/19/14	20	2,600,000.00	0.00	2,600,000.00
Depot St Land Acq Non - CPA	05/19/14	20	330,000.00	0.00	330,000.00
DPW Motor Equipment	05/19/14	21	436,000.00	0.00	436,000.00
DPW Paving Management Road	05/19/14	21	1,500,000.00	0.00	1,500,000.00
Fire Vehicles	05/19/14	21	82,495.00	0.00	82,495.00
Police Cruisers	05/19/14	21	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00
Sch Special Ed Van	05/19/14	21	47,000.00	0.00	47,000.00
Water Main Replacement	05/19/14	21	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
Septic System Upgrade	05/19/14	22	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
ESCO Energy Efficiency	11/17/14	11	3,184,157.00	0.00	3,184,157.00
Water Well #4 Replacement	05/18/15	17	2,200,000.00	0.00	2,200,000.00
Watewater Treatment (Queset Co	05/18/15	20	3,070,000.00	0.00	3,070,000.00
Sewer Design Permit and Constru	05/18/15	21	2,790,000.00	0.00	2,790,000.00
Wastewater Treatment (5Corners	05/18/15	22	8,300,000.00	0.00	8,300,000.00
Sewer Design (5Corners District)	05/18/15	23	1,300,000.00	0.00	1,300,000.00
TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt					$31,634,622.00

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2014	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2015	Interest Paid in FY2015
August 23 2013 BAN Wstwtr Trm	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	199.00
August 23 2013 BAN Middle Sch	1,150,000.00	0.00	1,150,000.00	0.00	11,468.00
August 23 2013 BAN DPW Dept	415,000.00	0.00	415,000.00	0.00	4,138.00
August 23 2013 BAN DPW Main	980,000.00	0.00	980,000.00	0.00	9,773.00

August 23 2013 BAN Municipal F	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	997.00
August 23 2013 BAN Sch Special	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00	349.00
Water Main Replacement	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	958.00
April 4 2014 BAN Water	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	767.00
April 4 2014 BAN Elementary Sc	800,000.00	0.00	800,000.00	0.00	3,067.00
8/22/14 BAN Middle School Roo	0.00	1,080,000.00		1,080,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN Moreau Elementary	0.00	800,000.00		800,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN Land Acquisition	0.00	2,930,000.00		2,930,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN Fire Pumper Replac	0.00	525,000.00		525,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN DPW Motor Equipm	0.00	436,000.00		436,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN DPW Road Paveme	0.00	500,000.00		500,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN Fire Vehicles	0.00	82,495.00		82,495.00	
8/22/14 BAN Police Cruisers	0.00	33,000.00		33,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN School Tecnology	0.00	47,000.00		47,000.00	
8/22/14 BAN Water Main Replac	0.00	200,000.00		200,000.00	
TOTAL	3,950,000.00	6,633,495.00	3,950,000.00	6,633,495.00	31,716.00

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, which includes the combined balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town's general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit. Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

I would like to thank my assistant, Adilia Collazo and principal clerk, Peg Horne for their hard work and dedication to the Town. Special thanks are also given to our volunteer Kemi Alphonse and summer intern, Christopher Lockwood for helping out in our department. I would also like to thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Accountant/Budget Director

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TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	6,582,750	6,853,913	723,488	2,172,083	4,718,703	-	21,050,937
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	540,487	9,351	-	-	-	-	549,838
Personal property taxes	64,987	-	-	-	-	-	64,987
Tax liens and foreclosures	1,145,711	-	-	-	-	-	1,145,711
Utility user charges receivable	-	-	-	542,435	-	-	542,435
Utility liens	-	-	-	10,896	-	-	10,896
Betterments	-	1,254,766	-	2,139,383	-	-	3,394,149
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	470,693	-	-	-	-	-	470,693
Departmental and other	2,062,001	68,818	-	5,440	-	-	2,136,259
Intergovernmental	130,197	231,209	1,647,180	-	-	-	2,008,586
Long Term Loans Receivable	-	4,785,051	-	-	-	-	4,785,051
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(452,746)	-	-	-	-	-	(452,746)
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	-	150,956,180	150,956,180
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	39,010,967	39,010,967
Total Assets	10,544,080	13,203,108	2,370,668	4,870,237	4,718,703	189,967,147	225,673,943
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	1,629,419	-	-	-	-	-	1,629,419
Accrued liabilities	982,996	-	-	-	-	-	982,996
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	3,831,133	6,117,986	1,537,336	2,698,154	-	-	14,184,609
Tax refunds payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	198,412	50,287	-	-	764,868	-	1,013,567
Notes payable	-	2,600,000	3,833,495	200,000	-	-	6,633,495
General long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	39,010,967	39,010,967
Total Liabilities	6,641,960	8,768,273	5,370,831	2,898,154	764,868	39,010,967	63,455,053
Fund Equity:							
Retained earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	155,941	-	-	155,941
Unreserved	-	-	-	1,816,142	-	-	1,816,142
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	85,930	-	-	-	-	-	85,930
Reserved for continuing appropriations	565,415	(2,163,251)	-	-	-	-	(1,597,836)
Reserved for expenditures	1,210,055	1,138,813	-	-	-	-	2,348,868
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principa	-	-	-	-	74,446	-	74,446
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for petty cash	600	-	-	-	-	-	600
Unreserved:							
Designated for snow & ice / overlay defici	(896,602)	-	-	-	-	-	(896,602)
Undesignated	2,936,722	5,459,273	(3,000,163)	-	3,879,389	150,956,180	160,231,401
Total Fund Equity	3,902,120	4,434,835	(3,000,163)	1,972,083	3,953,835	150,956,180	162,218,890
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	10,544,080	13,203,108	2,370,668	4,870,237	4,718,703	189,967,147	225,673,943

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues							
Property taxes	49,379,537	1,154,001	-	-	-	-	50,533,538
Excise taxes	3,362,887	-	-	-	-	-	3,362,887
Penalties, interest & fines	606,020	6,593	-	150,644	-	-	763,257
Licenses, permits and fees	2,274,347	-	-	-	-	-	2,274,347
Investment income	26,691	56,609	-	13,765	54,753	-	151,818
Departmental	-	2,663,361	-	-	-	-	2,663,361
Intergovernmental - state	12,891,795	1,515,247	2,031,823	-	-	-	16,438,865
Intergovernmental - federal	-	1,528,362	-	-	-	-	1,528,362
User charges	-	-	-	4,351,581	-	-	4,351,581
Other	987,613	1,974,207	280	42,780	41,381	-	3,046,261
	69,528,890	8,898,380	2,032,103	4,558,770	96,134	-	85,114,277
Expenditures							
General government	13,937,572	914,302	305,322	-	145,141	-	15,302,337
Public safety	8,588,617	645,226	677,407	-	543	-	9,911,793
Education	37,408,664	4,032,215	589,411	-	47,851	-	42,078,141
Public works	3,618,849	138,800	2,993,404	2,875,109	-	-	9,626,162
Human services	854,178	552,505	-	-	-	-	1,406,683
Culture and recreation	524,375	211,890	-	-	-	-	736,265
Debt service	4,731,124	318,792	-	634,095	-	-	5,684,011
State and county assessments	811,201	-	-	-	-	-	811,201
Capital outlay	533,474	5,282,540	37,891	105,663	-	-	5,959,568
	71,008,054	12,096,270	4,603,435	3,614,867	193,535	-	91,516,161
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,479,164)	(3,197,890)	(2,571,332)	943,903	(97,401)	-	(6,401,884)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from long-term borrowing	-	-	1,520,000	450,000	-	-	1,970,000
Transfers between funds	1,705,496	(1,363,309)	48,235	(424,488)	34,066	-	-
	1,705,496	(1,363,309)	1,568,235	25,512	34,066	-	1,970,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	226,332	(4,561,199)	(1,003,097)	969,415	(63,335)	-	(4,431,884)
Beginning fund equity	3,675,788	8,996,034	(1,997,066)	1,002,668	4,017,170	150,956,180	166,650,774
Ending fund equity	3,902,120	4,434,835	(3,000,163)	1,972,083	3,953,835	150,956,180	162,218,890

2014 ANNUAL REORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET

Department	Brief Description of Item	Committee Ranking	Initial Fiscal Year of Request	Requested FY 2016	Funded FY2016	
Ambulance	Ambulance # 2 (2007)	1	10/16/2012	$250,000	$250,000	
Police	Two marked cruisers	2	Annual	$79,190	$79,190	
Police	CCTV and Interview Room recording system	3	FY15	$45,500	-	
Police/Fire/DPW	Upgrade police fire communications with microwave technology	4	10/1/2013	$76,000	-	
Town Clerk	New voting tabulators to replace outdated equipment	5	FY16	$60,000	$60,000	
School	Waste Water Treatment Plant Updates	6	11/4/2014	$330,000	$330,000	
DPW	Stormwater Permit Compliance	7	FY2016	$50,000	$50,000	(1)
DPW	Fuel System Upgrade	8	FY2016	$30,000	$25,000	
DPW	ESCO Owners Agent	9	FY2016	$75,000	$75,000	
DPW	Motor Equipment	10	FY2014	$475,000	$200,000	
DPW	GIS Planimetric Project	11	FY2015	$75,000	-	
DPW	Municipal Facilities Capital Improvements	12	FY2015	$200,000	$200,000	
School	Technology Hardware/Software	13	Ongoing	$176,631	$150,000	
School	Muscato Stadium Lights (Fixtures including new poles)	14	10/1/2013	$47,984	-	
School	Muscato Stadium Lights (Installation) - ***Committee recommends the School Dept use existing funds for installation.***	14	10/1/2013	$87,500	-	
Police	One detective's unmarked cruiser	15	FY13	$36,000	-	
Fire	Forest Fire Truck # 2 (1989 Ford)	16	10/3/1997	$269,000	-	
Information Technology	Fiber Repair		FY16	$32,000	$32,000	
Fire	Replace Hardwired Fire Alarm Boxes with Radio Alarm Boxes $6,500 per Box for 8 Buildings	NR	FY16	$52,000		
DPW	Pavement Management Road Funding - ***Funding for FY16 & FY17 previously authorized at May 2014 Annual Town Meeting***	O	FY2014	$500,000	$500,000	(2)
Water	Replace Vehicle #120 F-150 Pickup Truck	O	FY16	$35,000	$35,000	
Water	Well #4 Replacement: Well, Pump Station Design, Construction & Permitting	O	FY16	$2,200,000	$2,200,000	
Water	Master Plan Update	O	FY16	$35,000	$35,000	
	TOTAL			**$5,216,805**	**$4,221,190**	

O - Other source of funding, such as enterprise funds. These items are not ranked, but recommended.
NR - Not recommended this year. Request deferred at this time.

(1) Funded in FY16 as part of the DPW budget. This is a recurring item and will be financed through the operating budget going forward.
(2) Funding request satisfied through previously authorized 3-year road bond voted at the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

2015 REPORT OF
THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 was made by Melanson Heath and Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Overview
The Department of Public Works is responsible for the overall operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of the Town's infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, water, drainage, sewer, municipal buildings, traffic control devices, fields, and trees. The Department is comprised of the Administration Division, Water Division, Highway Division, and Buildings and Grounds Division.

Management
David Field, P.E., Director of Public Works
Maurice Goulet, DPW Operations Manager
Jack Marsh, Water Operations Manager
Jay Conceison, Highway Supervisor
John Fresh, Water System Supervisor
Todd Texeira, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

The Administration, Highway, and Buildings and Grounds divisions are located at 130 Center Street. The Water Division is located at 417 Bay Road.

Activities and Projects

During 2015 we had twenty four (24) snow and ice events with a total accumulation of 107.9 inches of snow. During that time the DPW applied 2,559 tons of road salt and 22,127 gallons of magnesium chloride. The total cost of snow and ice operations for the calendar year was $1,063,835. From the end of January through February, the Town of Easton and much of area received unprecedented snowfall and extremely cold temperatures which did not allow for melting in between events. In a span of 16 days Easton received over 5 feet of snow, and within a span of 28 days received 89 inches (7.5 feet).

The sheer volume of snow and back-to-back nature of the events resulted in over 10,000 man-hours of snow and ice removal for DPW crews and contractors. Removal of snow was needed at nearly every intersection, as well as from sidewalks and parking lots, and this removal resulted in thousands of additional man-hours after storm events were concluded. In addition to snow removal from roads, sidewalks, and parking lots, the DPW coordinated the removal of snow from the roofs of municipal and school buildings over a two week period.

While snow and ice removal is a typical function for any DPW, this winter proved to be especially difficult, and I want to recognize the hard work and dedication of all of the DPW employees including Highway Supervisor Jay Conceison and Operations Manager Maurice Goulet for their efforts.

In 2013, the Town took ownership of 1,450 streetlights from National Grid. Purchasing the streetlights has resulted in an annual savings of approximately $100,000 per year. Initially, the DPW contracted out the maintenance of streetlights to Dagle Electric, but took over the maintenance of the streetlights in July 2015. In 2015, 40 streetlights were maintained by DPW. This is down from 109 lights maintained in 2014 since the majority of lights have been converted to improved and more reliable LED fixtures.

DPW continued to administer the Commonwealth Connect application which allows residents to report issues from their mobile phones or via the Town website. The application was set up to allow for the reporting of potholes, streetlights, trees, and other issues. During 2015 DPW received 126 service requests (53 for potholes, 10 for trees, 13 for streetlights, 50 others) using the application. This is the last year that the Town will be using the Commonwealth Connect application as the 3 year grant ends January 1, 2016. The DPW has developed and launched a new in-house GIS based replacement application for 2016.

In 2013, the Landfill Solar Project was completed and the system began generating electricity. In 2015 the system generated 2,490,000 kWh of electricity.

In March the DPW published the recommended FY2016-FY2018 Pavement Management Plan. The plan recommended spending approximately $4.7 million on various pavement repairs over the next three years, and approximately $2.3 million in the first year. Some of the highlights of the work completed in 2015 included the paving of Center Street, a portion of Foundry Street, portions of Main Street, Short Street, Lothrop Street, Norton Avenue, and Dean Street, as well as the installation of ultra-thin bonded overlay on Prospect Street, and extensive crack sealing Town wide. In summary, the DPW completed improvements to 125,719 linear feet of roads at a total cost of $1,823,444. The overall road surface rating (RSR) remains a 73 and the backlog of needed repairs is $19.5 million. In addition, the DPW utilized winter rapid road recovery funding through MassDOT to complete miscellaneous repairs on various roads such as Rockland Street, Poquanticut Avenue, and Beaver Dam Road.

The DPW oversees the operation and maintenance of the North Easton Village Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The current operations contractor is Weston & Sampson. In 2015 the North Easton Village WWTP treated 4,426,000 gallons of wastewater. During this time the average daily flow to the plant was 12,125 gallons per day.

On 4/24/2015 the DPW celebrated Arbor Day and planted a tree at Oliver Ames High School.

On 4/25/2015 the DPW hosted Household Hazardous Waste Day and the 9th Annual Roadside Cleanup day.

On 5/2/2015 the Water Division hosted its 31th Annual Open House.

The DPW continued its work with Applied Geographics for support and maintenance of its centralized GIS server environment and cloud-based GIS services. Data has been migrated into a centralized database. A web based parcel viewer application has been deployed and various mobile data collection solutions are in use by DPW staff. The DPW has since taken ownership of GIS maintenance from contractor Applied Geographics. Refinement of centralized GIS databases and services continues in order to support the development of new GIS applications. The DPW has developed a new application called Connect Easton that enables residents to report non-emergency issues online. Connect Easton was developed to replace the SeeClickFix application who's contract with the Town expired at the end of the calendar year.

Construction on the $3.18 million energy management services project began in April. The contractor, Ameresco, is installing energy conservation measures that will ultimately be funded from the energy savings resulting from those upgrades. In addition to the energy conservation measures Ameresco has proposed a separate power purchase agreement for installing solar photovoltaic systems at the Middle School and High School. Under the proposed agreement the Town would save $1.4 million over the 20 year life of the panels. Construction of the performance contract is approximately 50% complete and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016. Construction of the solar panels is currently waiting on a net metering cap allocation from National Grid.

The Town Hall Repointing Project is currently underway and the original $213,270 scope of work has been completed. To utilize CPA funds approved at Town Meeting in the spring of 2015, the DPW entered into a change order to add addition scope of work to the project to complete all of the work identified during the design phase. The value of the project was increased by $436,228. Work on the added scope is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed in the spring and summer of 2016.

The DPW has continued to work with BETA Group to advance the design of the Depot Street corridor project. The proposed project includes roadway, sidewalk, and drainage improvements from Fox Ridge Road to Washington Street. The DPW and BETA presented several options for the signalization and improvement of the intersection of Center Street and Depot Street to the Historical Commission and the Board of Selectmen. 25% plans are currently under review by MassDOT. This project has been included in the 2019 TIP element by the Old Colony Planning Council.
The DPW is working with BETA Group to complete the design of intersection improvements and signalization of Union Street and Washington Street. The project is currently included in the 2017 element

of the TIP. MassDOT has returned comments on the 25% design plans. The Town and BETA will work to resolve the comments and move into the 25% public hearing phase.

The Project Initiation Form (PIF) for the intersection improvements and signalization of Elm Street and Washington Street has been submitted to MassDOT. This is the second step in the TIP project initiation process. The DPW has been working with BETA Group to develop conceptual design options for the intersection. A public outreach sessions was held in June to support the PIF submission.

DPW has been working with the Town Administrator's Office and Woodard & Curran to finalize an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Mansfield to secure sewer treatment capacity in the regional wastewater treatment currently slated for upgrade and expansion. The IMA was signed by both communities in December. The DPW is now working with Woodard & Curran to review and advance the design of the Five Corners Sewer Project and the Queset Sewer Project.

The DPW has completed the installation of automatic vehicle location (AVL) devices in DPW equipment to allow DPW managers to track the location and progress of snow plowing and other activities (street sweeping, roadside mowing, etc.).

In June, the DPW advertised a Request for Qualifications for on-call engineering for the Water Division. The DPW received 10 responses from qualified firms and selected two engineering firms to provide on-call support for future projects.

The Traffic Safety Committee (comprised of DPW, Police, and Fire) reviewed and made subsequent recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on four matters. As part of the review of these matters the DPW deployed traffic counters at multiple locations and prepared detailed reports of those findings. DPW also attended several Board of Selectmen meetings to discuss those findings.

Some of the other projects that the DPW has been involved with this year include:

- Queset Commons Development
- Fleet Management Software Implementation
- Water Management Permit Renewal
- Road Safety Audit of Purchase Street and Turnpike Street

I would like to thank all of the employees of the Department of Public Works for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. In addition, I would like to thank the staff of the Administration Division, Jan Jacobson, Adrienne Edwards, Leon Scott, and Maurice Goulet, as well as Water Operations Manager Jack Marsh for their support during the year. I would also like to recognize the hard work of all of the division supervisors, John Fresh, Todd Texeira, and Jay Conceison.

Finally, I would like to thank GIS Specialist Adrienne Edwards, who left in September, for her 8 years of service to the DPW and wish her well in her new career in education. I would also like to welcome the department's newest employees, Mark Piantedosi, Highway Division Special Equipment Operator, who started in February, and Leon Scott, GIS Manager, who started in November.

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIVISON

DPW Operations:
The Operations Division of the DPW, consists of the Highway and Building and Grounds Divisions, and includes fleet maintenance, sewer, tree care and preservation, and solid waste and recycling) is focused on improving the town's infrastructure while preserving the town's aesthetic character.

Highway Division:
The Highway Division experienced the snowiest season on record with 17 sanding/salting events and 10 snowplowing operations mainly during the month of February. These storms dumped over 100 inches of snow in a relatively short period of time. The DPW and its contractors reconstructed and paved over 13 miles of roadway. Some of these major streets included Center Street, Foundry Street, Main Street and Prospect Street. Over 15 streets were repaired or reconstructed with a new riding surface utilizing different reconstruction methods such as reclamation, nova chip process, and milling and overlay. The Highway Division is also responsible for various maintenance tasks which include, but are not limited to, pothole patching, paving, sewer inspections, drainage installation and repairs, roadside flail mowing, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, snowplowing, sanding/salting, sign installations and replacements, traffic markings (line painting), town-wide fleet vehicle maintenance, berm installation, and roadway repair.

Building and Grounds Division:
The Building and Grounds Division is responsible for the maintenance of all municipal and school buildings as well as maintenance of fields, grounds, and trees. The Buildings and Grounds Division has been involved in many energy efficient projects in the schools and town buildings including interior/exterior lighting replacement, energy management systems upgrades, street lighting change-outs, and heating and A/C improvements. This division has been instrumental in coordinating the Town Office Repointing Project, wiring/installing the large clock on the Main Street sidewalk (working together with the Highway Division), and utilizing the GIS to track tree damage. Additional responsibilities for this division include voting set-ups, clean-ups, stump grinding, cemetery upkeep, graduation set-ups and coordination, chipping and brush cutting, maintenance tasks of school and town buildings such as electrical, HVAC, and craftsman projects that include minor construction.

Solid Waste and Recycling Program:
The town is seeing increasing membership into the program as the numbers have climbed to approximately 3800 subscribers. Please note that if there are any unexpected delays in service due to weather or unanticipated equipment breakdowns, residents are asked to visit our town website www.easton.ma.us for any updates and service announcements.

Appreciation is given to Jay Conceison (Highway Supervisor), Todd Texeira (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden), Bill Casey (Building and Grounds Foreman) and to each one of our Division employees for their extraordinary dedication: *John Ames, Mike Berry, Wayne Casey, John Cuzzi, Mark DeCouto, Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Richard Gill, Steve Legendre, Patrick Lordan, Jim Luke, Bob Meade, Mark Piantedosi, Joe Pucillo, Danny Rowse, Chris Ryan, Dave Cudmore (Town Offices), Jake Meade (seasonal), Matthew Walker (seasonal), Chris Cormier (seasonal), Patrick McKenna (seasonal), Connor McLaughlin (seasonal), Gavin Griffiths (seasonal), Chris Hurley (seasonal).*

Special thanks to Jan Jacobson, Shirley Tufts and Karen Gallo for their assistance throughout the year, and the Water Division and its staff for their continued support.

Congratulations and thanks goes out to Adrienne Edwards (GIS Specialist) who has moved onto a career in education. Best wishes for the future, you will be missed. Also welcome to Mark Piantedosi of the Highway Division, coming from the City of Waltham Public Works and Leon Scott who has filled the position as GIS Manager in November, from the Town of Dedham Public Works.

Maurice G. Goulet
DPW Operations Manager

DPW OPERATIONS DIVISION

Projects of 2015

HIGHWAY

Roadway Construction:		Feet	Miles
Barrows Street (Mill/Resurface)		**275**	**0.05**
Center Street (Mill/Resurface)		**11,485**	**2.18**
Dean Street (Reclaim/Resurface)		**6,010**	**1.14**
Foundry Street (Mill/Resurface)		**5,373**	**1.02**
Foundry Street (Resurface/Nova Chip)		**17,534**	**3.32**
Lothrop Street (Reclaim/Resurface)		**2,154**	**0.41**
Main Street (Mill/Resurface)		**166**	**0.03**
Main Street (Mill/Resurface)		**1,850**	**0.35**
Norton Avenue (Reclaim/Resurface)		**4,451**	**0.84**
Prospect Street (Resurface/Nova Chip)		**14,057**	**2.66**
Short Street (Mill/Resurface)		**2,954**	**0.56**
	Total	**66,309**	**12.56**

Roadway Repair:	
Allen Road	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Beaver Dam Road	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Chestnut Street	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Church Street	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Depot Street	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Gilmore Road	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Harlow Street	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Pine Street	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Poquanticut Avenue	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)
Rockland Street	DPW Paving (Sections - Thin Overlay)

Drainage Basins Cleaned:	**Total**	**350**
Drainage Basins Newly Constructed:	**Total**	**25**
Drainage Basins Remodeled:	**Total**	**120**

Traffic Marking: (Linepainting)		Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**248,900**	**47.14**

Crack-Sealing Roadways:	Feet	Miles
Various Streets Town-wide	**78,244**	**14.82**

Fleet Maintenance:		Vehicles
Department of Public Works		91
Police		14
Fire		4
School SPED/Food Services		9
Inspectional Services		2
Board of Health		2
Recreation		1
Planning and Community Development		1
	Total	**124**

Street Sweeping:	
Town-wide	**From 04/06/15 to 11/16/15**
Flail Mowing:	
Town-wide	**From 05/11/15 to 10/26/15**

Sanding/Salting Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**14**

Snowplowing Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**10**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tree Removal/Trimmed		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**557**
Stump Removal		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**36**
Cemetery Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**29**
Field Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**26**
Playground Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**9**
Field Lining for Sporting Events		Days
Town-wide	**Total**	**45**
Work Orders (including schools)		Each
Completed	**Total**	**568**

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

MISSION STATEMENT
The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2015.

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	41,434,000	July	80,212,000
February	38,385,000	August	81,545,000
March	42,223,000	September	76,004,000
April	43,330,000	October	51,743,000
May	77,153,000	November	42,932,000
June	74,473,000	December	40,679,000
		Total Pumped	690,113,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,621,000 gallons on May 25, 2015.

The Water Division responded to 2681 service and emergency calls
Connected 26 new services for a total of 7,437 active services
Replaced 610 meters
Renewed 0 services
Repaired 5 service leaks
Repaired 22 broken water mains
1 – 4" main, 2 – 6" mains, 18 – 8" mains, 1 – 10" mains
Repaired 11 fire hydrants
Replaced 2 fire hydrants
Performed routine maintenance on 551 hydrants

In 2015, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
10' of 4" water main
350' of 6" water main
2200' of 8" water main
4 new fire hydrants
10 new valves

We now have a total of 164 miles of water mains, 1,413 hydrants and 3,293 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 89,056 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 30,231 routine water bills, 342 property transfer bills and 480 miscellaneous bills. We mailed out 246 Conservation Letters notifying consumers of potential leaks within their plumbing system.

This completed the twenty- sixth (26th) year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 1392 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 24 commercial buildings and 1 municipal building were surveyed. We have 346 testable devices in the system, 184 double check valve assemblies and 162 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers. This year 456 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we have taken the following samples for analysis:

549	Bacteriological
16	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
5	Manganese
7	Nitrate
2	Nitrite
2	Radium 226/228
5	Routine chemical
7	Secondary contaminants
1	Sodium
16	Trihalomethanes
2	Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

Our 50 kilowatt (kW) Solar Photovoltaic Project located at Pumping Station #2 has now been up and running for a little over 5 years. This year we have produced 55,496 kilowatt hours (kWh). Since the system was commissioned in September of 2010 we have generated a total of 305,872 kilowatt hours of clean energy. This would equate to enough energy to power an average American house for 27 years and offset 448,000 miles worth of CO2 emissions from the average American car.

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 39 system-wide leak surveys since 1982. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 22nd consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the months of April and October. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

We conducted our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 25, 2015 with 608 residents participating. I would like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their continued effort in assisting in this event with the collection of televisions, computer monitors, and white goods. Our collection day for 2016 has been scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd. Identity theft along with fraud is becoming an epidemic throughout the country. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, we will continue to offer document shredding to our event at no charge. Residents will be able to bring confidential documents to be destroyed onsite.

The Water Division hosted its 31st Annual Open House on Saturday, May 2, 2015 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton School System—especially, Dr. Andrew Keough, Superintendent of Schools, Achim Krasenbrink, Betty Minuskin and Kristyn Shea of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate the students to the value of water and the need to protect it. We look forward to our 32nd Open House being held on April 30, 2016.

We assisted the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee in its efforts throughout the year. We attended 6 scheduled meetings.

The Water Division continues to remain leaders within the water works industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. As a manager, it is certainly rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Karen Gallo, John Fresh Jr., Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, Jeffery Cloonan, Michael O'Toole, Joseph Charron, Brian O'Neill, Andy Howarth and Daniel Sullivan.

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (CRAAC) was formally created in October 1987 by the adoption of Massachusetts State Legislation. Its main purpose is to educate the public about the benefits of protecting the Canoe River Aquifer. This regional committee is comprised of 15 members, three from each of the five communities the river passes through. Members are municipal officials, residents or serve on land trust boards. Among other activities, CRAAC advises municipal officials and residents on development impacts, water quality concerns, conservation practices, protective zoning by laws and other issues. It also sponsors many educational conferences and meetings. State environmental officials regard CRAAC as a model for a volunteer, regional entity.

CRAAC held six meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of the even numbered months and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

On February 5, 2015, Lee Azinheira, Mansfield DPW Director and Mark Cook, Mansfield Highway Manager met with the committee to discuss their plans for a new Public Safety Building and Highway Garage in Mansfield near the Canoe River.

On April 2, 2015, Shaun Burke, Mansfield Director of Planning and Development discussed the changing growth trends in Mansfield from single family homes in the 90's to condominium demands today near the downtown area and train station.

The Committee hosted its annual awareness day on May 2, 2015 at the Gertrude Cornish Town Forest located on Plain Street in Norton. A.Peter Mair II, Senior Archaeologist with the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc., discussed archaeological investigations along the Canoe River and how they have contributed to the understanding of the importance of this resource to past Native Americans.

John Shannon represented the Committee at two events in Mansfield in conjunction with the Mansfield Natural Resources Trust - Into the Woods Open House and Mansfield Family Fun Night.

On June 4, 2015 Gary Anderson, Easton Planning Director detailed current events in Easton completing their comprehensive Master Plan and the establishment of two sewer districts one of which will be connecting to the Mansfield sewer system.

Bill Napolitano, SRPEDD; Linda Parker, Mass. Division of Ecological Restoration; Cathy Bozek, the Nature Conservancy and Priscilla Chapman, Taunton River Watershed Alliance met with us to talk about the Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN) and their efforts to provide partnerships and education on regional approaches to conservation.

On August 6, 2015 Peter O'Cain, Sharon Town Engineer discussed growth in Sharon being predominately apartments with Sharon being close to build out with a current population of 19,000.

On October 1, 2015 State Representative F. Jay Barrows attended our meeting. Ted Lavery from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 spoke to the committee about our Sole Source Designation. We submitted the original petition in 1993 and received approval on May 13,1994 designating the Canoe River as a Federal Sole Source Aquifer. Mr. Lavery explained how his office works with committees like CRAAC. There are 16 Sole Source Aquifers in New England. He spoke about working with CRAAC on an Aquifer Conference in the spring of 2016.

On December 3, 2015, the Committee met with Nancy Putnam, Director of Ecology and ACEC Programs, Department of Conservation and Recreation and her efforts to reach out to member committees like CRAAC who have Inland Areas of Critical Environmental Concern designations.

The Committee has been working with State Representative Claire Cronin and Representative Lou Kafka who have filed Legislation House Bill#3800 on behalf of our committee to amend our legislation to include a representative of each of the communities Water Departments serve on the committee.

The Committee was deeply saddened at the death of long time member Leonard Flynn from Mansfield who was very dedicated to conservation and especially our Greenbelt Project.

The Committee would like to thank Karen Gallo of the Town of Easton Water Division, Antonetta Ackerman of the Town of Sharon Water Department, Eileen Zinni of the Town of Foxborough Water Department and member Jan Fowler for their assistance in producing our meeting minutes.

The committee would also like to thank member John Shannon for creating and maintaining our Facebook page. Please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CanoeRiverAquiferAdvisoryCommittee

NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH EVEN NUMBERED MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON.

THE FOLLOWING 2016 SCHEDULE IS AS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, February 4, 2016	MANSFIELD TOWN OFFICES
THURSDAY, April 7, 2016	EASTON TOWN OFFICES
THURSDAY, June 2, 2016	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, August 4, 2016	FOXBOROUGH LIBRARY
THURSDAY, October 6, 2016	NORTON TOWN OFFICES
THURSDAY, December 1, 2016	MANSFIELD TOWN OFFICES

Present Membership

Norton	*Foxborough*	*Sharon*
Frances Shirley (6/30/17)	Robert W. Boette (6/30/18)	Gregory Meister (6/30/17)
Jennifer Carlino (6/30/18)	Joan F. Sozio (6/30/17)	Dave Masciarelli (6/30/17)
Linda Kollett (6/30/17)	Robert Worthley (6/30/16)	

Easton	*Mansfield*
John H. Fresh, Jr. (6/30/16)	John Shannon (6/30/16)
Wayne P. Southworth (6/30/18)	
Janice L. Fowler (6/30/17)	

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:
I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the Year 2015.

As Chief of the Fire Department I am pleased to report that the department is in good condition and in spite of the significant growth and increase in calls the department continues to provide high levels of service to the residents of Easton. Through consistent and effective training of EMS and fire operations personnel are able to keep skills sharp and ready to handle calls for service. The Department has brought its staffing levels back to 2009 levels with 9 firefighters per shift, increasing the Paramedic staffing levels to 26 Paramedics. There has not been a fire station closed in over four years and overtime has been restructured to provide a more direct benefit in providing service. Although the department staffing has been increased to 2009 levels the department responded to 4209 calls for service which is 36% great than the 3097 responses in 2009. The department responded to an increase of 454 more calls than in 2014.

Although the department groups have nine firefighters each, the budget does not allow for the staffing to remain at these levels when personnel are off. The overtime budget only allows for the filling of so many open shifts, and not firefighter for firefighter. Therefore, while nine firefighters would be a benefit all the time the reality is that we are only staffing the day shift to eight and the evening shift to seven firefighters. Staffing to a minimum of eight firefighters during the day shift allows the department to staff two Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances while dropping to a minimum of 7 during the evening and operating one ambulance. While operating two ambulance during the day has shown benefits of providing a more timely ambulance to residents, and increase revenue through ambulance receipts, it also reduced our staffing to four when both ambulances are out, which is very frequently. The goal is to get our staffing levels to be able to staff two ALS ambulances 24/7 while still having a minimum of a Shift Commander and two Engines with 3 firefighters each, or 10 firefighters per shift. Operating our engine companies with only two firefighters is a gamble that the town and department should not continue to take.

OPERATIONS

The Fire and Rescue Department continues to be busy responding to 4209 calls for service in 2015, nearly a 12% increase in call volume. To highlight some of the calls, the Department responded to 40 fires in structures, 302 motor vehicle accidents, 278 fire/sprinkler alarm investigations, 36 CO detector activations, 57 gas odors/leaks, 54 power lines down, 1968 requests for medical assistance, with 1643 transports, 864 business assists, 35 brush/woods/outside fires, 144 lockouts, and other calls. There were a total of 1,643 transports with Easton ambulance transporting 1,567 patients, and mutual aid ambulances transporting 76 patients to local hospitals. The department reliance on mutual aid ambulance has reduced by 57% through staffing management and in turn increased the ambulance revenue for the town.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) level care for patients required during each of the transports continues to be a high percentage at 68% of all calls. Staffing of the ambulance was at two (2) paramedics for 99% of the calls and the average on scene time continues to be excellent at 13 minutes. The Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton continues to be the primary facility that the ambulance transported to, at 1,444 patients, or 90% of total transports. The Brockton Hospital received 87 of the patients transported or 6%, and the balance of 4% of patients was dispersed among five (5) other hospitals.

The compliment of fire personnel as of December 31, 2015 is thirty-eight (38) including the Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Captain. Thirty-six Firefighters were assigned to four (4) groups, with nine per group.

The Department is happy to report that there were no fatal fires in 2015. The statistics show that the house fires in Easton in 2015 the leading cause was from fires involving cooking, three fires in bathroom exhaust fans, and several fires caused by failure of powered equipment, and improper installations.

The following are a few highlighted responses to residential or commercial building fires or major emergencies during the year:

January 5, 2015, 864 Washington Street, house fire with fire contained to the bathroom. The fire was caused by a faulty bathroom exhaust fan.

February 12, 2015, 4 Hayward Street Building fire in several auto body shops causing extensive damage to the building, and over 20 vehicles inside the building. Firefighters stopped the fire from burning the house on Hayward Street which was an exposure. Crews remained on scene for 5 hours and required a 4 Alarm response with mutual aid from 9 communities assisting. The cause of the fire was not determined. Damage was estimated at nearly $1.5 million

May 8, 2015, 11 Pine brook Lane, this fire occurred in a bathroom of an apartment unit undergoing remodeling. The fire occurred when nobody was there and a neighbor saw the fire. Cause was determined to be a faulty bathroom ceiling fan. This fire occurred the same time as a fatal accident on Depot Street and required mutual aid assistance from Norton, Mansfield, and West Bridgewater Fire Departments. Only 1 Easton engine could respond initially with 2 Firefighters due to another serious call. Damage was estimated at $20,000

May 8, 2015, Depot Street at Black brook, this accident occurred at the same time as a house fire on Pine Brook Lane requiring two ambulances and the Jaws of Life. Med-Flight helicopter was called and broke down upon landing requiring the ambulance to transport to the hospital.

June 27, 2015, 8 Nancy Road, a fire that started in a bathroom ceiling exhaust fan burnt for a while before neighbors finally called 20 minutes after hearing the smoke detector going off. The fire was contained to the bathroom and ceiling, but smoke and water damaged the condo unit.

July 28, 2015, Bay Road and Summer Street, the department had a hazardous materials incident as a result of an individual using a homemade method to make methamphetamines. The containers were under pressure and had pre-cursors chemicals which could explode and ignite. The State Police Bomb Squad and Hazardous Materials response team responded to assist.

October 5, 2015, 320 Washington Street Stonehill College, An Acid spill occurred when a student carrying a 1 gallon container dropped a 1 gallon jug of an aqueous acidic solution in a waste storage closet. The Shield Science Center was evacuated and the state Hazardous Materials Response Team responded and mitigated the spill.

December 6, 2015, 10 Plymouth Drive, Pop Tops A fire in a large commercial building with heavy smoke showing upon arrival of the engine, 2 firefighters made entry and began advancing a line to the area of the fire before the second engine arrived on scene. The sprinkler system activated and held the fire in check. The fire was extinguished and contained to a room with-in the building. Heavy smoke damage occurred in the building with an estimate of over 1 million dollars.

January 17, 2015, 27 Gardner Road, The house fire occurred in the early morning hours. A smoke detector woke one of the occupants who woke the remainder of the family and they safely escaped. First engine quickly advanced a hose line and extinguished the fire. Fire damage was confined to the dining room and smoke and heat damaged occurred throughout the home. The cause of the fire was a candle left lit.

December 9, 2015, 1 Norfolk Ave Pharmasol Corp. A fork lift operator accidentally crashed into rack storage in the warehouse and was pinned. The first in crew removed the victim from being pinned and began resuscitation efforts. The force of the machine caused traumatic injuries to the victim's chest and he later died from those injuries.

December 31, 2015, 10 Roosevelt circle, Stoneforge Restaurant, fire crew responded to a box alarm from the restaurant and the first in 2 FF crew found a fire in the walls in the kitchen. One line was advanced

and the fire was knocked down and held to the kitchen area. The fire extended in and up the walls to the ceiling. Smoke damage was throughout the entire restaurant and basement. Damage was estimated at $250,000.

The size of the town and the demand for services of the department continue to stretch the resources of the on duty personnel placing them in a situation where there are longer response times and a delayed response. There are times when the on duty personnel are placed in a situation of having insufficient personnel to handle a situation in a safe and effective manner requiring call back or mutual aid resources to be called. The Fire Department is obligated to protect the people and property in town and at times have put themselves at great personal risk. Increased staffing needs to be a priority to handle the complexity of a town this size and the amount and type of calls the department faces.

Training and Education

Training of personnel is an ongoing process to keep firefighters proficient in their basic skills and educate them in new topics. The Department has a monthly fire training topic that is done by all groups as well as an Emergency Medical training topic. The budget allows for sending a few members on overtime to professional development trainings or educational seminars.

The Department schedules monthly training drills and Captains provide continual review of skills and policies to keep firefighters proficient. FF/Paramedic Jeffrey Dupuis is the EMS Training Leader and provides emergency medical training to all EMTs on general EMS topics and more specific Advanced Life Support skills. Morbidity and Mortality (M&M) rounds are conducted by the Departments Medical Director, Dr. Henry Crowley every month. Every EMT is required by the State to complete a required amount of EMS training and refresher training every two years to renew their EMT license. The department is very fortunate to have well trained and highly skilled paramedics providing EMS to the residents in town.

Lieutenant Evan Malone is the Coordinator for EMS on the department and is required to conduct reviews of all runs that department EMT's are on, to provide Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance. The Department, the State and the Steward Medical Center whom the Department has an affiliation agreement with have protocols and policies that all EMT's are required to follow. The QA&QI review is done to assure that all of the protocols and policies are followed.

During the year several Officers on the department attended and completed Fire Officer training conducted by the Massachusetts firefighting Academy. The following personnel completed the noted courses:

Fire Officer I: Lieutenant Griffin
Captain Malone
Captain Blye

Fire Officer II: Captain Malone
Captain Blye

Incident Safety Officer: Lieutenant Griffin
Fire Prevention Officer: Lt. Tim Griffin

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The Fire Department is committed to a professional Public Education Program and Fire Prevention through our SAFE program, and the department has been very fortunate to have a great group of firefighters dedicated as the Departments Fire and Life Safety Educators. This year Lt. John Dzialo took over as coordinator of the program and works with FF Chris Mills, FF Jon Carroll, FF Tom Baker, and FF John McCormick who deliver the fire safety education in our public schools and to our Senior Citizens.

The Department's SAFE program is in its 21st year and is a cooperative effort with support from school administration, teachers and firefighters to deliver fire and life safety education to the students in Easton Schools. The program is a huge success in the schools and is the foundation to educating and having a fire safe generation. The program also reaches out to day-cares in the town as well as the seniors which are another target audience for fire safety.

The Department conducted a very well attended Open House in October with an estimate of 750 people attending. The Open House spearheaded by FF Tom Baker, FF John Dzialo, and Admin Assistant Pam Berglund, had twenty members of the department involved and participating at the open house. The Open House gives the Fire Department an opportunity to share with the public what the department does as well as an opportunity to educate our residents, young and old alike on the importance of fire and life safety. The department thanks the many businesses that donated supplies or funding to make our open house a huge success.

Captain Jeffrey Webster is the Fire Prevention Officer and is responsible for the many fire permits and fire inspections that are required by code. The department conducts inspections for homeowners for oil burner, LP gas, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, and plan reviews. There are many requirements for business and commercial establishments including sprinkler and fire alarm plan reviews and inspections, combustible and flammable storage permits quarterly inspections of nursing homes, annual restaurant and entertainment license inspections, school inspections, blasting, fireworks, cutting and welding permits, and numerous others. Captain Webster has the responsibility to review all new building plans to assure they meet the fire code and are safe for occupants and firefighters.

All Residents are reminded that they should have a working **smoke alarm and carbon monoxide** alarm in their homes and to make sure they are working properly. You should test them monthly and change the battery twice a year when you change your clock.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

The Department will be in need of a new Pumper truck in the fiscal year 18 budget to replace a 1992 engine and allow Engine 4 to be moved from the busiest fire station.

Both Ambulances passed the annual inspection by State Office of Emergency Medical Service Ambulance Inspection Division as part of the licensing of our service. The department must meet the state requirements including all documentation, equipment, and vehicle requirements. The department was once again renewed in 2015 for both ambulances and the advanced life support engine.

Funding was approved for the purchase of a new ambulance and should be in place by June of 2016. With both ambulances running now the wear and tear and repairs required on both ambulances has increased. Getting a new ambulance on line will allow the older ambulance to serve as the backup and hopefully reduce needed repairs.

All apparatus receive regular routine service based on their hourly usage, and all the fire pumps are tested and certified each year as part of regular maintenance. All department ladders including the aerial are tested and certified for continued use, any deficiencies are corrected in a timely manner. Department hose is tested to the required standard for firefighting hose and needs to be completed yearly.

The stations are in need of continual care and upgrades. Station 2 our older station is planned to have an addition and renovation done in the distant future as part of the Queset Project mitigation. Station 1 located on Lothrop street is in need of both cosmetic and significant work, these include repair of broken floor drains, spauling concrete on the apron, new carpeting, and new windows.

PERSONNEL

Captain David Beals who was a member of the department for 35 years retired on September 3, 2015. Captain Beals who was the department SAFE coordinator was a true professional always putting the needs of the public as his first priority. Captain Beals was a well-respected officer on the department and his service to the department and the town was appreciated and will be greatly missed.

Lt Michael Greene was promoted to the rank of Captain which became effective on July 10, 2015. Captain Greene was assigned as Shift Commander of Group 3. Captain Greene has been a member of the Easton Fire Department since November of 2004.

Lt. Evan Malone was promoted to the rank of Captain which became effective September 27, 2015. Captain Malone was assigned as Shift commander of Group 2. Captain Malone has been a member of the Easton Fire Department since January of 1997.

FF Timothy griffin was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant which was effective July 10, 2015. Lt Griffin is assigned to Group 4. Lt Griffin has been a member of the Department since 2001.

FF Michael Shulman was granted a lateral transfer from Easton Fire to Gloucester Fire Department.

FF Tiago Medeiros graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on March 20, 2015 and was assigned to Group 3.

FF Jason Healey was hired on May 18 and graduated Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on September 18, 2015 and is assigned to Group 4.

FF Michael Eaton was hired in August and graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on December 18, 2015; FF Eaton is assigned to Group 4.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During the months of January, February, and March the town experienced record snow fall and dealt with issues of buried fire hydrants, narrowed roadways, stuck apparatus, and numerous lightweight building collapses from the weight of the snow.

Sally Blair Ames field house at Stonehill College was closed for two weeks due to damage to the roof structure from the weight of the snow.

The Easton Emergency Management Team (EEMT) which consists of department heads and managers from the major town departments kept busy with planning and coordinating efforts to handle the multiple heavy snow storms. During the storms the Governor declared a state of emergency for the state allowing towns to seek assistance. During the many weeks of repeat snow fall the town received assistance from the National Guard who provided support with clearing fire hydrants and the DPW received support with Equipment from an out of state community with a loader and trucks for clearing and hauling snow.

STATISTICS

Responses: Total Responses: 4209

Ambulance Calls	: 1968
Motor Vehicle Crash	: 302
Business Assist	: 864
Fire/Box Alarms	: 278
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	: 36
Brush/Wood/Mulch	: 42

Structure Fire	:	40
Vehicle Fire	:	23
Gas Odor/Leak/Haz.Mat.	:	57
Misc. Investigation	:	281
Lockouts	:	144
Mutual Aid	:	23
Public Assist	:	76
Wires Down/Arcing	:	54
Misc. /other	:	34
Total:		4114

Inspections:

Smoke detector plan review:	74
Agricultural burning:	6
Blasting/Cutting & Welding:	6
Fire Alarm Installation/Repair:	24
Flammable Storage:	4
Fireworks:	1
Oil Burning Equipment:	62
Install & Store Propane:	77
Smoke Detectors and CO Detectors:	339
Sprinkler System Install:	38
Tank Removal Permit:	6
Tank Truck Permit:	24
Underground Flammable Storage	9

Revenue: 1-1-15 through 12-31-15

Ambulance Fees	:	$ 1,480,385.40
Fire Inspections/Permits:		$ 29,385.00
Fire Alarm Box Fees	:	$ 37,835.00

CONCLUSION

The Department continues to strive to provide the best service that we possibly can with the means that we have available to us. Providing the best possible customer service to each and every resident or visitor who needs our assistance is a high priority.

Mission Statement:

> *"The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE".*

I would like to extend my thanks to Pamela Berglund the Department's Administrative Assistant for her excellent work and continued support and professionalism. Pam is the interface with the public who need assistance with permits, plan reviews, inspections, burning permits and fire or EMS reports and does a great job.

On behalf of all the Easton Fire Department members I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and each of the departments and Department Heads in town for their assistance and cooperation in the delivery of our services to the town.

I extend my thanks to the members of the department for the outstanding work they do in serving the people of Easton each and every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin P Partridge

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Chief of Department

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Easton Police Department presently has thirty-three police officers, eleven public safety dispatchers, two civilian administrative assistants, one animal control officer, and twenty one special officers. We are in the process of hiring two police officers and one public safety dispatcher to fill vacancies. In 2015, I began serving as the Police Chief. Since then, four officers have been promoted to supervisory ranks, five new officers graduated from the police academy, and three new public safety dispatchers were hired to fill vacancies.

Our department is responsible for protecting and serving the law enforcement needs of our community. Twenty seven officers are assigned to the Patrol Division which is made up of three shifts (Midnights, Days, and Evenings). Two of these officers are working as school resource officers. Officer Patrick Healey is assigned to the Oliver Ames High School and Officer Chris Aker is assigned to the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. There are three detectives assigned to the Detective Division. They are responsible for investigating narcotic violations, sexual assaults, robberies, breaking and entering to homes/ businesses, and several other crimes. Deputy Chief Keith Boone is the executive officer and oversees the daily operations of the department.

We've continued our partnership with the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council. In September, the Easton Police Department and METROLEC assisted Stonehill College with investigating a bomb threat as well as a threat to "shoot up" the college. In October 2015, a Stonehill College student was identified and charged with creating a bomb threat with serious public alarm, possession of a hoax incendiary device, and defacing property. This year, we partnered with the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and joined the HART program which identifies high at risk repeat domestic violence offenders. Sgt. Carolyn Gurney is our domestic violence officer and serves as our liaison with the DA's office.

In November, we trained and equipped our officers with electronic controlled weapons (Taser). The Taser is a less lethal tool available to officers defending themselves against an active resistant person. Utilizing the Taser will decrease the likelihood of injuries to the officers and the subjects involved.

Chief Allen Krajcik and Sergeant Michael Fox retired from the department after serving the Town of Easton for more than thirty years. Retired Chief Walter Healey who served the Easton Police Department from 1956 to 1992, passed away on November 26, 2015.

2015 CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	**14,561**
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	
Murder	0
Suicides	3
Attempted Suicides	5
Rapes	9
Sexual Assaults	4
Robberies	5
Aggravated Assaults	19
Simple Assaults	50
PROPERTY CRIMES	
Breaking & Entering Residence	51
Breaking & Entering Motor Vehicle	21
Breaking & Entering Business or building	37

Larceny of Motor Vehicles	14
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	3
Shoplifting	13
All other Larcenies	84

CUSTODIAL/ NON-CUSTODIAL ARRESTS

Total Custodial Arrests	199
Total Non-Custodial Arrests	244
Driving Under the Influence	45
Protective Custody	23

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

Suspected Drug Overdoses	39
Domestic Violence/ Disputes	188
Mental Health Incidents	75
Disturbance	52
Disorderly Conduct	7
Noise Complaints	198
General Service	738
Missing Persons	15
Vandalism	62
Alarms	1172

ACCIDENTS

Total Accidents	452
Fatal Accidents	4
Personal Injury Accident	161

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Traffic Citations & Offenses	1709
Pistol Permits/FID's Issued	221

Our Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Easton Police Department to protect its residents and visitors by providing the highest quality of police service with integrity, compassion, and professionalism. We will encourage teamwork and leadership at every level of the Police Department. Our goal is to build partnerships with our citizens and community leaders and enhance the overall quality of life.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact either:

Deputy Chief Keith Boone	Telephone: 508-230-3322	Email: Kboone@easton.ma.us
Chief Gary Sullivan	Telephone: 508-230-3322	Email: Gsullivan@easton.ma.us

I want to thank all the men and women who work for the Easton Police Department for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary F. Sullivan
Chief of Police

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Animal Control Department is responsible for enforcing the State, County and local animal laws. We work closely with our local Police, the Environmental Police, the State Department of Animal Health, MSPCA, the Animal Rescue League and our local Veterinarians. We are dedicated to providing compassionate care and treatment to all animals, and to the fair and impartial enforcement of animal related law.

All dogs three months or older need a license that may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office. The license runs from January to December. The dog license is important in helping to identify the owner of a dog. All cats should wear some form of identification. Domestic pets wearing identification are able to be promptly returned to their owners. On April 12 a Rabies Clinic was held, 41 cats and 81 dogs were vaccinated by Dr. Buffman. We thank him for his kindness to the citizens who bring their pets to our clinic. This year no animals were sent to the State lab for Rabies testing. The Animal Control Office received 2260 calls. General concerns and information make up the majority of calls. Seventeen dogs and six cats were picked up as strays. Fifteen dogs and one cat were claimed by their owners. All dogs and cats not claimed after a ten day holding period are evaluated and placed in new homes. We would like to thank the Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Mass for caring for our stray animals. Their compassionate care of all animals is greatly appreciated. All calls concerning wildlife are answered or referred to the State Department of wildlife. In the spring many calls are received concerning possibly abandoned wildlife babies, in most cases the babies are fine, their mother is close by. Wildlife should be observed but left on their own.

We continue to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints We help to protect our residents from intimidation and injury from animals. We help to protect the animals from health hazards, abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to the laws. It is important for dog owners in Easton to pick up after their dogs.

The Animal Control Department can be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322.

I would like to thank the following for their cooperation and support throughout the year; The Police Chief and his department, the Dispatchers, The Fire Chief and his department, Public Works Director and his men, Town Clerk's Office, Town Administrator's Office, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Health. A special Thanks to the Executive Assistant and the Administrative Assistant of the Easton Police. Thank you to the residents of Easton for being great pet owners It is a pleasure to work for you..

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DeRosa ACO

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector is the officer in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Division of Regulatory and Biosecurity Services, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Police and our local Board of Health.

A Rabies Clinic was held on April 12, 2015 . 41 cats and 81 dogs were vaccinated. A domestic animal that has an exposure to wildlife or has a wound of unknown origin is placed under confinement for up to 6 cats months. The vaccines were administered by Dr. Ronald Buffman from Llyods Animal Medical Center, we very much appreciate his kindness to the residents of Easton and their pets.

In November and December a partial inspection was done at premises that have farm animals. 46 horses,12 goats, 12 sheep, and 44 chickens were inspected. All were found to be in good condition and sanitary conditions. Animal owners were advised of manure regulations..
Wildlife sightings calls have increased with more seen in backyards and roadways . It's very important to not leave pet food outside or in open garages. Make sure rubbish containers are covered. Wildlife are survivors in the wild but if they find an easy accessible food source available they will keep coming back to the area. Problem wildlife cannot be relocated,, moving wildlife from one area to another could spread disease, and is against State and Federal Law. The Town of Easton requires all dog owners to pick up after their dogs. We had 19 reports of animal bites received in our office,10 animals were placed under quarantine.

We check on the handling of domestic pets and domestic livestock according to State laws. We investigate all animal bites and encounters with wildlife. We educate the public on issues of animal diseases. We work closely with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Environmental Police and our local veterinarians. We can be reaching by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322 or the Board of Health at 508-230-0621. It is a pleasure to work in the Town of Easton.

We want to thank the Board of Health, Town Clerk's Office, Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Department; your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth DeRosa Animal Inspector

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	11
Multiple Family Dwellings	14
Additions – Residential	17
Alterations – Residential	441
New Non-Residential	5
Additions Non-Residential	1
Alterations Non-Residential	102
Demolished Buildings	9
Signs	50
Swimming Pools	21
Roofs	238
Siding	38
Replacement Windows/Doors	101
Temporary Tents	24
Wood Stoves	22
Trench Permits	25
Foundations	31
Certificate of Inspections	75
Certificate of Occupancy	218

TOTALS

Total Cost of Construction:	$37,576,452
Total Building Fees Collected:	$254,499
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections:	2323
Total Wiring Fees Collected:	$118,448
Total No. of Wiring Permits Issued:	842
Total Gas Fees Collected:	$21,185
Total No. of Gas Permits Issued:	351
Total Plumbing Fees Collected:	$31,700
Total No. of Plumbing Permits Issued:	379
Total Mechanical /Sheet Metal Fees Collected:	$16,107
Total No. of Mechanical/Sheet Metal Permits Issued:	102
Total Misc. Fees Collected: (Trench, Wood Stoves, Cert. of Inspections, Signs, etc.)	$12,872
Total No. of Misc. Permits Issued:	121
Total Fees Collected for Cal Yr. 2015:	$454,811

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Kevin Nelson	Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector	
Arthur Pedini, Jr.	Alternate Electrical Inspector	

Office Hours

Monday:	8:30 am – 7:30 pm
Tuesday:	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday:	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday:	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday:	8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems, trenches and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were 11 building permits approved for new single-family dwellings in 2015 and 7 permits issued for new multi-family dwelling units. There were 458 building permits issued for residential additions and alterations. Included in the 441 residential alterations were 85 roof mounted photovoltaic (solar) installations. There was one non-residential roof mounted photovoltaic installation. 121 miscellaneous permits (Tent, Solid Fuel-Burning Appliance, Trench, Signs) were issued in 2015. The total estimated cost of residential construction in 2015 was $26,422,064. Estimated cost of non-residential construction in 2015 was $11,154,389.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 75 Certificates of Inspection and 218 Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Inspectional Services Staff performed 4,653 daily inspections and 19 emergency inspections.

The Inspectional Services Department collected fees in the amount of $454,811 in the year 2015.

The Department continued to develop and improve the online permitting program in order to facilitate and expedite the permitting process for contractors, design professionals and Easton residents.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) is charged with serving all Easton residents by to ensuring growth and development occurs in a way that preserves Easton's historic and environmental resources, creates housing options for Easton residents at all income levels, enhances agricultural and recreational opportunities and provides safe and efficient transportation options and economic vitality. The department is responsible for processing permits reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board, Historical Commission, and Conservation Commission, and leads the long-range planning efforts of the Town. The Department provides staff support to the Planning & Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Affordable Housing Trust, Community Preservation Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, Economic Development Council and other town boards and committees as needed.

Master Plan Implementation:

The department continued its work coordinating implementation activities related to Envision Easton, the Town's new comprehensive Master Plan. In 2015, staff led the first implementation coordination meeting between department heads, Board and Committee chairs, and community organizations charged with taking a lead on the Plan's action items. The department tracked progress on all implementation activities and kept the public aware of them through social media and the department website. Implementation work is well underway for action items with a one/two year time horizon.

Queset Commons:

The department oversaw construction of the first phase of the Queset Commons 40R development. The completed elements include a 50 unit residential building with associated underground parking, a wastewater treatment plant that will serve both the development and surrounding commercial area, and related parking and infrastructure. An application for the second phase of the project is expected in early 2016. The department also coordinated the submission of final plans to improve the Roosevelt Circle and Washington Street intersection, a project made possible through a MassWorks infrastructure grant to the Town. Project construction will commence later in 2016.

Queset Commercial District:

Department staff assisted the Planning and Zoning Board with new zoning regulations for the area surrounding the intersection of Routes 138 and 123. The new Queset Commercial District, approved at the May 2015 annual town meeting, encourages economic development in concert with wastewater infrastructure now available through the Queset Commons 40R development. The district encourages redevelopment of underutilized properties along the 138 corridor from Belmont to Depot Street in a way that enhances the corridor's aesthetics and character. Staff worked with the Conservation Commission to facilitate redevelopment and property improvements in this district by proactively delineating wetland resources and creating a district-specific facilitated permitting process. In conjunction with upcoming sewer improvements, this new district is expected to attract significant commercial development and tax revenue.

Historic Preservation:

Supporting the Easton Historical Commission, staff processed 11 applications through the Town's demolition review bylaw. Adopted at Annual Town Meeting in 2004, the demolition review bylaw provides an opportunity for property owners and the Commission to explore alternatives to demolishing historically significant buildings or adversely impacting the character of historic neighborhoods.

Staff also assisted the Commission in processing 12 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for projects within the expanded Ames Local Historic District in North Easton. Adopted at Annual Town Meeting in 2010 and expanded at Annual Town Meeting in 2013, the District ensures redevelopment in this historically significant area is appropriate and sensitive to its unique historic nature.

Staff and the Historical Commission completed draft Design Guidelines for Local Historic Districts which will assist District property owners in planning rehabilitation projects, and began consideration of a potential second Local Historic District in South Easton. Staff continued to oversee CPA-funded restoration work including at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, the Wayside Estate (Town Offices), and Queset Gardens, and monitored several Town-held historic preservation restrictions to ensure compliance with the restriction guidelines.

Downtown Parking Study:

Due in large part to the Town's efforts to revitalize downtown North Easton through infrastructure improvements, interest in development and business opportunities are increasing in North Easton Village. With the support of the Board of Selectmen and funded through Stonehill College's annual gift to the Town, the department led a study of parking resources and opportunities in North Easton Village as a way to prepare for expected business growth. The purpose of the study was to:

- Assess what parking resources exist today and how they are used.
- Maximize efficiency of the current parking system.
- Plan for future development.
- Meet parking need in a way that strengthens the historic character of North Easton Village.

The study included a technical analysis, community engagement of stakeholders and residents, and recommendations that outline steps the Town can take to ensure parking remains available to the public in order to support local businesses, civic destinations and economic development. Through an analysis of existing spaces and potential buildout scenarios, the study found that while ample physical parking spaces exist for current and foreseeable future uses, most are restricted in some way and not available to visitors looking to patronize multiple businesses. The recommendations in the report include strategies for making the current parking system more flexible, accessible, and user-friendly in order to compliment growing business activity in the area.

Downtown Zoning:

With support from the Planning Board, staff drafted new zoning regulations for the downtown area of North Easton Village. The area was first developed well before zoning was implemented in Easton. Very few if any properties/buildings meet the zoning requirements of the existing Business district. As a result, property owners must currently seek zoning variances in order to improve buildings or properties. The new zoning district would make parcels within the district legal and reflect and encourage the historic development pattern of the district. The changes were tabled at Special Town Meeting the fall, 2015 and will be considered again at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Zoning Recoding:

Since it was first adopted at Town Meeting in 1973, the Easton Zoning Bylaw has been amended over 40 times and much of the document is now outdated, bulky and confusing. The Bylaw has not undergone a comprehensive rewrite (or recoding) since its adoption and now contains contradictions and items which are not in keeping with recent case law. In partnership with the Planning and Zoning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Counsel, the Department began the process of recoding the entire Easton Zoning Bylaw, in order to better serve residents and the development community. The recoding will better protect the health, safety and welfare of Easton residents through a document that is clearer, consistent and in keeping with recent case law.

Conservation Land Management.

Staff assisted the Conservation Commission in executing its long-range Land Management Action Plan including:

- Overseeing installation of trailhead kiosks at the Lothrop Street and Lincoln Street entrances to the Clifford Grant Management Area.
- Coordination with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) for the installation of a trailhead kiosk at the Old Pond portion of the Bay Circuit Trail.
- Participation with commission members in an AMC/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts service day performing trail work on the Easton portion of the Bay Circuit Trail.
- Re-surfacing and grading of the parking lot at New Pond by the DPW.
- Creation of a dedicated conservation land webpage on the Town website .

Affordable Housing:

The Department helped ensure that with the December 2015 approval of the Easton Avalon project, the Town met its Chapter 40B affordable housing obligations and now has the perpetual ability to require future housing proposals to comply with local zoning. Easton is now one of only approximately 15% of Massachusetts cities and towns that have met Chapter 40B requirements. Keeping Easton compliant with Chapter 40B by ensuring the creation of affordable housing units keeps pace with new market rate units will be a departmental priority going forward.

In support of the Affordable Housing Trust, department staff also continued work on the following initiatives, in keeping with the AHT annual action plan:

- Vetted and processed applications for the Homebuyer Assistance Program. The trust hopes to finalize two grants in the first half of 2016.
- Organized a successful and well-attended Affordable Housing Fair in April to connect the local community with government and non-profit organizations and offices offering affordable housing assistance.
- Investigated tax-title and other potential development sites for an affordable single-family home.
- Facilitated a memo clarifying the timeline and process by which the Town will be repaid for loans to the Ames Shovel Works project.

- Drafted and submitted State-required annual report on the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) which facilitated the Shovel Works redevelopment.

- Issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to partner with a private or non-profit developer to create a small affordable or mixed-income in-fill development. Three entities had expressed interest as of February 2016, with responses due in June 2016.

Open Space Plan

Working with a small sub-committee, the Department began an update of Easton's Open Space and Recreation Plan. This will be the first time in many years that the plan has been revised, with updates on the Town's protected and unprotected natural resources, a section on agriculture in Easton and a review of the Town's accomplishments in achieving previous open space and recreation goals. A final draft of the plan is scheduled to be available for comment in early 2016.

Healthy Easton

The Easton branch of the Old Colony YMCA received funding through the Greater Brockton Health Alliance to develop a community change plan focused on improving nutrition and fitness. The YMCA formed a Healthy Easton Coalition and conducted public input sessions to determine what a community nutrition and fitness program might include. One major theme in these public sessions was consistent with goals and objectives identified in Envision Easton: connecting Easton's neighborhoods and mixed-use/commercial centers via active transportation, i.e. bicycling and walking. Staff and members of the Access Easton Bike & Ped Working Group partnered with the Healthy Easton Coalition to design and develop a bike share program in north Easton intended to encourage biking from the downtown commercial center to other areas of town.

Agricultural Preservation:

The town voted at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting to adopt a Right-to Farm Bylaw and to establish an Agricultural Commission to promote, preserve and advocate for agriculture in Easton. Agricultural activities in Easton include garden plots grown by families for personal consumption as well as commercial agricultural operations that provide residents with healthy food options, produce jobs, and reinvest in other local businesses. Staff continued to assist with the Commission's support of the farmers market and the community garden located at Wheaton Farm. With the support of the Agricultural Commission, staff drafted a new agriculture and farmland preservation section of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and began planning for a stand-alone Agricultural Plan to promote economically and environmentally sustainable agricultural in Easton.

During the drought of 2014 Old and New Pond were left severely impaired after a local cranberry bog owner released water from the ponds for bog operations. In 2015 the chairpersons of the Agricultural Commission and the Conservation Commission met with Staff and the owner of the downstream cranberry bogs in Norton to discuss the conditions under which water might be allowed to be drawn down for use at the cranberry operation.

Access Easton Bicycle & Pedestrian Working Group:

Access Easton is a working group formed during the Envision Easton process to promote improved conditions for people wishing to walk and bicycle for leisure or transportation. Staff assisted the group with several efforts including the Healthy Easton bike share initiative; defining bike routes that will be mapped

and rated based on rider ability; initiating a complete streets policy so the town may take advantage of State funding that will be available in 2016 and 2017 for certain infrastructure improvement projects; and helping to deliver a bike safety course at the Middle School.

Shovel Shop Pond Water Quality Working Group

The Shovel Shop Pond Water Quality Working Group was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to oversee an expert review of the documentation of several historical releases of contaminants in the North Easton Village area. Staff assisted the group in taking the necessary steps to contract with a qualified environmental professional to conduct the review and issue a report to the group indicating whether any of the releases posed an ongoing risk to the community. A report of the consultant's conclusions and recommendations was reviewed by the group who then prepared a report to the Board of Selectmen summarizing the consultant's findings and recommendations. Two release sites, which are still being actively remediated, will be monitored by the group until an appropriate level of closure is achieved.

Permit Automation and Public Access to Information

Easton became the first town in the Commonwealth to provide for online applications for all planning-related permits. All Planning Board and Conservation permits are now applied for online, providing a streamlined application process for applicants, eliminating the need for dozens of paper copies of application and plan documents, and allowing for real time feedback between planning staff and applicants. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission both transitioned from relying on paper copies to receiving materials digitally and using tablets and the large overhead screen to review projects during public meetings. Most importantly, all applications are now available through the online Public View, which allows project abutters, residents and others to keep track of progress on current planning applications.

Community Preservation

With the guidance of the Community Preservation Act Committee, Department staff wrote Easton's first Community Preservation Plan. The Plan, approved by the CPC in November, 2015, includes a brief history of the CPA in Easton, details of previous projects, financial information and priorities for each of the CPA's four funding areas.

Department staff continued its work administering CPA applications and overseeing grant-funded activities. The Town approved CPA funding for the following projects in 2015:

- Easton Housing Authority Elise Circle and Family Housing Preservation
- Affordable Housing Trust Programs
- Queset Garden Blustone Stairs Restoration
- Queset House Fire Protection
- Pine Grove Cemetery Engineering
- Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Emergency Repairs
- Town Hall Masonry Restoration Phase II
- Eastondale Playground (Ali's Park) Improvements

Professional Development:

Planning Department staff participated in the following professional development opportunities in 2015:

- Housing Planners/Coordinators Network meetings
- 2015 Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Conference
- US Army Corps of Engineers New Programmatic General Permit webinar
- Northeast Regional Planning Conference
- Economic Development and Infrastructure In Your City or Town event
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership 2015 Housing Institute
- Community Branding and Wayfinding Workshop
- Massachusetts Transportation Summit
- MassDOT Bicycle & Safety Awareness Program
- Study Tour of Model Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure
- Southern New England American Planning Association Conference
- Best Practices for Managing Social Media webinar
- Urban Land Institute training
- Downtown Upper Floor Utilization Workshop via DHCD and MassDevelopment
- MassDOT Moving Together Conference

For general inquiries, please call 508-230-0630, or visit our website at www.easton.ma.us/departments/planning_and_community_development/index.php

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

The Planning and Zoning Board administers, within the Town of Easton, Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 40A (The Zoning Act), Chapter 40 Section 15C (The Scenic Roads Act) and Chapter 41 (the Subdivision Control Law) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. To that point we oversee the subdivision of land, create and review amendments to the Eaton Zoning Bylaws, updates to the Master Plan and review applications for certain types of Special Permits.

In addition, the Board seeks to manage the growth of the community and to promote development which integrates environmental protection, community economic goals and fosters neighborhood design by promoting development which preserves large tracts of open space and furthers the welfare of people and the community by creating convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient and attractive environments.

In 2015 the Planning & Zoning Board held thirty (30) meetings and received fifty-two (52) applications. These include:

- Ten (10) Approval Not Required (Form A)
- Sixteen (16) Site Plan Reviews, including 2 site plan modifications
- Sixteen (16) Internally Illuminated Sign Applications
- Three (3) Special Permit – Estate Lot
- One (1) Special Permit – Common Driveway
- Two (2) Special Permit – OSRD
- One (1) Special Permit - Duplex
- Two (2) Definitive Subdivision
- One (1) Preliminary Subdivision – "Green Hills"

The Board also provided comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty-six (26) applications.

In 2015 the Planning & Zoning Board also oversaw creation and adoption of several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. These Include:

- Section V, Tables of Use Regulations (5-3)
- Section VI, Dimensional and Density Regulations Table (6-3)
- Section VII, *New Section*, Queset Commercial District (QCD) (7-21)
- Section VIII, Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements (8-9.13)
- Zoning Map

The Board initiated joint meetings with other town boards and commissions in an effort to promote a more comprehensive planning process for Easton. We hope this trend continues and expands.

The Board also began work on recoding the Town's Zoning Bylaws with assistance from the Planning department and others.

After many years of serving on the Board, Christine Santoro resigned in June, 2015. The Board would like to thank Christine for her years of dedication and service to the Planning Board and many other areas of involvement within the town of Easton and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Board Member David Clymens was re-appointed to June, 2019.

The Board also wishes to express their thank you to Gary Anderson, Planning Director; Pamela Almeida and Ellen Weene, Principal Clerks, for their continued support and dedication.

Further, we express our gratitude to the Board of Selectmen, and to all other Boards and Commissions for their involvement in planning Easton's present and future.

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Strange, Chair
Peter Deschenes, Vice Chair
Wayne Benson, Member
David Clymens, Member
Deborah Balcarek, Alternate Member

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission administers the State Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 et seq. (the Act) and the Wetlands Protection By-Law (the By-law), Chapter 227, Code of the Town of Easton with the regulations promulgated thereunder, 3 1OCMR 10.55 et seq. under the Act and Chapter 503 of the Town Code as to the By-Law.

In addition to administration and enforcement, the Commission has custody and control of nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes, on behalf of the town. These management areas are open to the public for passive recreational enjoyment.

WETLANDS PROTECTION AND PERMITTING

Staff reviewed one-hundred and fifty-eight (158) jurisdictional inspections in response to Building Permit Applications. A number of these inspections resulted in filings before the Commission. Staff also provided technical review and comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty-six (26) applications and Board of Health for sixty-three (63) applications. As needed, reviews were also done for the Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

The Commission scheduled 26 and held twenty-one (21) public meetings during the course of the year; cancelling 2 meetings due to weather and 3 due to lack of quorum. The Commission conducted 42 public hearings on permit requests and wetland resource area confirmations:

- 30 Notices of Intent: 23 Orders of Conditions and Permits for Work issued; 3 denied; 4 under review
- 10 Requests for Determination of Applicability
- 2 Abbreviated Notices of Area Resource Delineation
- 37 Requests for Certificate of Compliance
- 2 Requests for Acceptance of Revised Plans into the Record
- 1 Request for an Extension to an Order of Conditions
- 1 Emergency Certification

The majority of hearings in 2015 involved homeowners seeking to construct new or expand existing homes; repair failing septic systems; and swimming pool installations. Two of the more complex projects heard by the Commission included installation of the sewer force main to Mansfield that will service a 290-unit residential development off Robert Drive and eventually the five-corners area; the Avalon Easton residential development and ongoing construction monitoring for the Queset Commons and Beech Tree Estates residential development.

Periodically the Commission hears concern that the time from filing an application to the time the Commission issues a decision – almost always in the form of a permit – is extensive. The chart below shows by permit type the average time to get from submittal of an application to issuing a decision.

Permit Type	Days to Hearing	Days to Close	Days to Issue
Certificate of Compliance	18	22	23
Notice of Intent/Permit for Work	18	16	41
Request for Determination of Applicability	19	4	25
Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation*	14	154	170

The Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation is a process for a property owner to receive confirmation of wetland resources so they may proceed with designing a project for the site. Only one proceeded beyond the initial opening of the hearing and needed to be postponed for several months as last year's substantial snowfall prevented the Commission's agent from conducting a full site inspection until spring.

Projects may get delayed because the application is not in good order and the hearing cannot be scheduled. Most delays result from projects submitted without enough information for the Commission to reach a positive conclusion. In those instances, the Commission tries to work with the applicant to obtain additional information or allow the applicant to modify the plan so a positive decision may be issued by the Commission.

This year the Commission office investigated ten (10) potential violations. Enforcement orders were to seven (7) property owners after investigation by the Commission's agent revealed a violation of the Wetlands Protection Act or By-law occurred. Most property owners involved in enforcement cases this year cooperatively worked with the Commission to resolve the violation. The Commission is taking further action as necessary to bring other owners into compliance. The primary objective of enforcement is educating property owners on the wetlands regulations that may apply to their property, restore the impacted resource area and prevent future violations.

The Queset Commercial District zoning was passed at Annual Town Meeting. This zoning is intended to encourage new and re-development within an area of Easton targeted for economic growth. The Easton Conservation Commission recognizes three critical factors relative to this district:

1. By identifying and focusing on existing developed centers for infill and redevelopment, the town is protecting other areas of Easton with important natural resources from overdevelopment.
2. Any new development or redevelopment of the existing industrial, commercial, and business facilities within Queset Commercial District should be done in a way that improves the values and functions of the wetland resources within the district.
3. Business owners and developers need a permitting process that is predictable and timely if they are going to invest in development within Queset Commercial District.

The Commission adopted the Queset Commercial District Expedited Review guidelines in September. Adhering to the standards in the guideline will ensure a timely, predictable permitting process for projects proposed for the District.

CONSERVATION LAND

The Commission has a Land Management Plan that documents overview management goals for each of the significant management areas owned by the Town. The Land Management Action Plan identifies specific objectives and actions necessary to achieve those goals. Land Management activities in 2015, included:

- Installation of kiosks at the Lothrop Street and Lincoln Street trail heads at Clifford Grant Management Area.
- Installation of a kiosks at the Old Pond trail head.
- Trail work on the Easton portion of the Bay Circuit Trail
- Re-surfacing and grading of the parking lot at New Pond

The Commission's webpage, located on the Town of Easton website (http://www.easton.ma.us), provides useful information about the Commission including its schedule and upcoming agenda, minutes of past

meetings. The site provides an overview of wetlands protection, the State and Town wetlands protection laws and regulations and access to permit request forms. Links to other related sites and informative resources are also available on the site.

The Commission may be reached via email or by phone at (508) 230-0630. Commission meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday evenings, and Tuesday evenings when there is a preceding Monday holiday. Our meeting schedule is posted on the website and the Town Offices bulletin board. All meetings are open to the public, except for Executive Sessions. Residents are encouraged to learn more about wetlands protection and why it matters by coming and observing our meetings.

Commission member Brendan Creedon did not seek reappointment at the end of his term leaving an open seat on the board. The Commission thanks Brendan for his service and commitment the board and to the Town. The Commission ability to function effectively is dependent on engaged citizen volunteers. Any resident interested in sitting on the Commission is encouraged to submit an application to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

The Commission would like to thank Pamela Almeida, Principal Clerk/Recording Secretary and Stephanie Danielson, conservation agent for their support and dedication this past year. Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and all appointed and elected Boards and Commissions of the Town who have worked in conjunction with the Commission to support the protection of wetlands and care of open space in the town. We are also grateful to the citizens of the Town of Easton for their cooperation and their support as we perform the duties entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Easton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of four citizens "at large" and five members selected from other Town boards and committees. The citizens-at-large include: James Lee, professor of management and past president of the Friends of Wheaton Farm; Edmond Hands, educator and very active member of the; Joseph Lawlor, retired civil servant; and Avery Lee Williams, businessperson active in many community organizations. Other members are Timothy McCaul, who serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; John Ventresco, who serves for the Easton Historical Commission; Meredith Keach, who serves for the Easton Recreation Commission; Gregory Strange, who serves for the Easton Planning and Zoning Board; and Dennis Sheedy who serves for the Easton Housing Authority. The Committee wishes to thank two members whose terms ended during the year: Christine Santoro, who served both on the CPC and on the Affordable Housing Trust; and Brendan Creedon for his service to the community both on the Easton Conservation Commission and as the Commission's representative on the CPC.

The Community Preservation Act was signed into law in September of 2000, to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. At that time, statistics were showing that open space in Massachusetts was being developed at a rate of 44 acres per day and our legislators realized that funding would be needed to preserve our fast-disappearing open spaces. Today, development of our open spaces and historic sites continues. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds in October of each year. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community in the preceding fiscal year, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. Easton's CPA surcharge has two exemptions: the first $100,000 of value of each residence and an exemption for property owned by lower income persons.

Since 2002, the Commonwealth distributed six rounds of 100% state CPA matching funds to participating communities. Together with 33 other communities, Easton participated from the start and received that first 100% state match in 2002 and for the next five years. In 2008, Easton received a 76% match and in 2009, received a 44% state match. Last year the match was 32%, or $299,064. The state match had decreased in the past because more communities participated in CPA, sharing the matching funds, and because of the economic downturn. Because Easton voters had the foresight to adopt CPA at the outset, Easton has maximized its receipt of state matching funds. In 2013, the state increased matching funds and Easton's match was $600,190, or 62%. This latest award increases Easton's total state matching funds to approximately $6,089 million.

As of December 31, 2014 Easton's CPA reserves are as follows: $-0- in housing reserves, $-0- in historic preservation reserves, $-0- in open space reserves, $776,707 in the annual budgeted reserve and $2,109,260 in unreserved CPA funds. The separate reservations are required by the Community Preservation Act if funds are not appropriated for such purposes – a minimum of 10% must be appropriated or set aside for: historic preservation; community housing; and open space preservation. The balance of CPA funds are not reserved for any particular CPA purpose, but must be spent on CPA-eligible projects. To be funded, a CPA project needs the favorable recommendation of the CPA Committee and, then, Town Meeting approval.

Easton's most significant participation in the CPA is Town Meeting's approval of $7.5 million in CPA funds to assist with the Ames Shovel Works redevelopment project, an affordable housing and historic

preservation project. Of this amount, $3 million was to purchase a historic preservation restriction on the property and $4.5 million was a loan in support of the project.

Projects approved this year include: $140,000 for FY16 Affordable Housing Trust programs; $66,589 to preserve Elise Circle & Family Housing roof envelope; $119,000 emergency repair at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall; $8,125 matching grant to restore safe conditions at staircase in Queset Gardens; $80,000 matching grant to install fire sprinkler system to protect Queset House; $10,000 for expansion of capacity of Pine Grove Cemetery; and $430,055 for restoration and protection of our historic Town Office building.

The Town's previous CPA expenditures not mentioned above are:
Historic Resources:
$88,000 to conduct a multi-year Historic Resources Survey;
$30,000 to restore the historic Pine Grove Cemetery upon the transfer of its ownership to the Town;
$15,700 for restoration work on the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall in exchange for a historic preservation restriction;
$250,000 for restoration work on the exterior of the Unity Church (the Town already holds a historic preservation restriction);
$69,400 for the Ames Free Library's restoration of the Town-owned Italian Gardens behind the newly-renovated library;
$360,000 was authorized by Town Meeting for the acquisition of a historic preservation restriction on the Dean Mill; this funding was not used and reverts to CPC balance;
$100,000 - Olmsted Rockery - restoration project;
$380,000 - Unity Church - restoration project/historic preservation/public access restriction;
$5000 - Historic Preservation Plan;
$3000 - WWI Monument - restoration project;
Up to $140,000 funding (with matching state grants) to support the exterior restoration of the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall;
$120,000 funding for Phase II of the Queset Garden restoration at the Ames Free Library ;
$120,900 funding for restoration of the masonry of the historic building housing town office;
$70,000 for restoration of the roof of the Library;
$38,587 for restoration of historic aspects of the building housing the Children's Museum
$121,000 for Queset Gardens Phase III; $25,000 Children's Museum Phase II; $100,000 Queset House Phase II;
$178,900 Town Hall Masonry Restoration; $75,000 for window and masonry repair at Ames Free Library; 14,850 for Wheaton Farm barn restoration; 100,000 for Oakes Ames Memorial Hall restoration master plan; $35,000 for Springhill balustrade restoration.

Open Space and Recreation:
$25,252 for the construction of a pocket park at 80 Center Street;
$375,000 for purchase of 14 acres of open-space land on Massapoag Ave.;
$142,614 - Olmsted/Richardson School - playground creation project;
$1.375 million purchase price – 40 acre parcel of land located on Dean Street;
Feasibility studies for the creation of new recreation fields on Town-owned parcel on Foundry Street and parcels on Depot Street, Washington Street, and Williams Street;
$2.3 million purchase of multi-use recreational field fields at Chestnut Street;
$500,000 purchase of a conservation restriction at the Governor Ames Estate;
$500,000 to provide temporary funding for the balance due for a preservation restriction enabling the protection of the Governor Ames Estate (these funds were returned to the account upon receipt of the state grant);

$60,000 for Wheaton Farm Community Gardens; $45,000 Phase I improvements for Frothingham Park; $57,000 for Phase II of Frothingham Park playground restoration; and $5,180,000 for acquisition of the Gill Property on Depot Street.

Community Housing:
$425,000 for the first year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan;
$15,000 for an update to the Easton Affordable Housing Production Plan;
$13,600 for feasibility studies for two affordable housing projects. Those studies included engineering and other review work of two Town-owned parcels of land to determine their suitability for housing construction;
$25,000 - May Institute - four units of affordable housing; and Affordable Housing Plan;
$207,500 for the second year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan;
$25,000 funding to South Shore Habitat for Humanity for the creation of an affordable single-family home on Highland Street;
$250,000 for the third year of the Affordable Housing Trust Master Plan; and $100,000 for Chandler Way roof restoration;
$200,000 window and siding replacement at Elise Circle; and 325,000 for FY 15 Affordable Housing Trust programs.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Town Offices and more often, as needed. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage the public to attend. We hold one public hearing each year and report to the Town Meeting on an annual basis. We can be reached through the Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm St. Easton, MA 02356.

Respectfully submitted
For the Committee
James Lee, Chairperson

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Town of Easton Affordable Housing Trust continued to actively serve the people of Easton in 2015 through its efforts to assure the availability of housing options for residents at all income levels. Our 5-Year Action Plan clarifying and confirming the group's goals, objectives, and action items for the years ahead was adopted in late 2014 and is available on the Town website.

The Trust reviewed and provided comment on several items that came before us, including refinancing or reselling existing affordable units, an application for an Open Space Residential Development with a required affordable housing component on Mill Street, and ongoing Chapter 40B comprehensive permit proposals including the proposed "Meadow View Commons" single-family-home subdivision on Turnpike Street and the now-approved "Easton Avalon" apartment complex on Robert Drive behind the Highland Plaza shopping center.

With the December 2015 approval of the Easton Avalon project, the Town has met its Chapter 40B affordable housing obligations and now has the perpetual ability to ensure future housing proposals comply with local zoning. Achieving the goal of 10% of the Town's permanent housing units being affordable to households making 80% of the Area Median Income (currently $65,800 a year for a family of four) gives the Town "safe harbor" from unwanted developments. Easton is one of only approximately 15% of the cities and towns in Massachusetts that have met Chapter 40B requirements. Keeping Easton compliant with Chapter 40B by ensuring that the creation of affordable housing units keeps pace with the creation of market rate units as the town continues to develop will be an Affordable Housing Trust priority.

The Trust began processing applications from two likely qualified applicants to our Homebuyer Assistance Program for an approximately $75,000 grant each and will certify them as to program eligibility in early 2016 (if appropriate) for a home purchase later that year. When resold in the future, these homes will be priced at affordable levels for moderate-income buyers, at no additional cost to the Town. We completed three successful grants in previous years and this program (application available on the Town website) continues to be offered on a rolling basis.

The Trust continued our outreach efforts by informing residents of affordable housing opportunities and programs (including resources for seniors, people with disabilities, and survivors of domestic abuse). Callers and drop-ins were assisted at the Town Offices. In April the Trust convened a successful and well-attended Affordable Housing Fair to connect the local community with government and non-profit organizations and offices offering affordable housing assistance.

The Trust began the process of acquiring a tax-title parcel as a potential site for development of one affordable single-family house, as well as negotiated with the owners of another property which ultimately was acquired by a different buyer. The Trust also facilitated a legal memo outlining the timeline and process by which the Town will be repaid for loans to the Ames Shovel Works project to encourage better understanding of this complicated project. Additionally, Trust staff researched and drafted the State-required annual report on the Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) which facilitated the Shovel Works redevelopment.

The Trust issued an RFP to provide substantial funding for a private or non-profit developer to create a small affordable or mixed-income in-fill development. Three entities have expressed interest so far; responses are due in June 2016.

Trust meetings take place roughly once every month at the Town Offices and we encourage the public to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Bonia, Chair; Dan Burke; Nikki Dostoomian; Dottie Fulginiti; Stephen Marcus; Steve Merlin; and Amy Rodrigues.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the Members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following Annual Report for the Year 2015.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws and Comprehensive Permits pursuant to Chapter 40B, Mass. General Laws. Twenty- six (26) petitions, comprised of sixteen (16) Special Permits and seven (7) Variances, one (1) Administrative Appeal and two (2) Comprehensive Permits were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In 2015, the Board of Selectmen re-appointed Walter Mirrione to the Board of Appeals. Walter Mirrione was unanimously re-elected as Chairman during the Board's reorganization in July.

	Site Plan Endorsement	Administrative Appeal	Comprehensive Permit	Special Permit	Variance
Petitions Granted		1		14	6
Petitions Denied				1	1
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed		1			
Chapter 40B			1		
Continued to 2016			1		
To Be Heard in 2016					

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board would also like to thank their secretary, Ellen Weene, for her hard work and dedication. The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0591.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Thomas A. Pursley, Vice-Chairman
Paul T. Prew, Clerk
David R. Mills
Ryan Cook
Michael Spillane, Alternate
Conrod Boone, Alternate

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Members of the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

Dennis Sheedy – Chairman
Thomas Thibeault – Vice Chairman (Governor's Appointee)
Sandra Conant – Treasurer
Krisanne Sheedy – Assistant Treasurer
William H. Anderson – Commissioner

Four of the Commissioners are elected by the Town's people and one member is appointed by the State's Governor. Krisanne Sheedy and William H. Anderson were elected to seats on the Housing Authority Board for terms to expire on April 28, 2018 and April 28, 2020.

The Easton Housing Authority is an agency that provides safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate income families. The Housing Authority operates under guidelines set out by their regulatory agencies, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Housing Authority's offices are located at Parker Terrace and are open to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday; telephone number: (508) 238-4747, Fax: (508) 230-9694, TDD: (508) 230-9695, Email: housingauthority@eastonhousing.com

The Easton Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners, an Executive Director and five staff members.

The Board of Commissioners typically meet at 5:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month at Parker Terrace, however there are occasions when the Meeting would be held on another day. Please be sure to check the posting at Town Hall.

On December 7, 2015 The Easton Housing Authority hired Kathleen Steiger as the new Executive Director of the Agency. The Management Contract with The Mansfield Housing Authority ended on November 30, 2015. Kathleen Steiger is directly in charge of personnel and general supervision of the administration of the Easton Housing Authority's business, subject to the discretion of the Board Members of the Easton Housing Authority.

The office staff consists of: Dawn Doyle, Housing Administrator Manager and Catherine Demoranville, Housing Coordinator.

The Maintenance staff consists of three full-time maintenance workers, Daniel Andrews Maintenance Supervisor, Joseph Leite and Derek House.

Elderly/handicapped Housing:

The Easton Housing Authority manages 184 units of elderly/handicapped housing located at Elise Circle & Parker Terrace.

Family Housing:

There are 10 family housing units: 7 – three-bedroom homes located at Chandler Way, a two-bedroom home located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue, a four-bedroom home located at 50 Day Street and a three-bedroom home located at 28 Barrows Street.

The Authority's State Public Housing (elderly/handicapped & family housing) waiting lists are currently open and the income limits are as follows:

Number in Household	Income Limit
1	$44,750
2	$51,150

3	$57,550
4	$63,900
5	$69,050
6	$74,150
7	$79,250
8	$84,350

Applications for State-aided Public Housing can be obtained on line at:

http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/publichousingapplications/standapp.doc

Applications are also available at the office of the Authority at Parker Terrace. Residents of the Town of Easton receive a preference on the Housing Authority's Public Housing waiting lists.

Section 8 Housing:

HUD provides Federal funds to support the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Easton Housing Authority presently has 81 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease and administers 4 mobility Housing Choice Vouchers from other Housing Authorities whose voucher holders lease up in the area.

Other Information:

DHCD allowed a 6% budget increase in the allowable non-utility expense level within their FY 2015 budget guidelines for the Housing Authority's fiscal that began on April 1, 2015.

The Department of Housing & Community Development had approved the Easton Housing Authority's revised capital improvement plan.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs, including arts and crafts, dancing and exercise, etc.

The Housing Authority had completed the following projects within 2015:

1. Installed new Waste Water Treatment Plant that serves all elderly units.

2. Installed new electric panels at Elise Circle.

3. Installed new Vinyl Flooring at the Parker Terrace community room..

4. Replaced exterior and Electrical Panel Room Doors.

5. Replaced the Road way and walkway at Barrows Street.

6. Installed Septic Sewer System at Barrow Street.

7. Conducting installation of handicapped ramps for the Elise Circle development.

8. Conducting installation of new roofs at Barrows Street, Poquanticut Avenue, Day Street, 2 buildings at Elise Circle and the Community Room at Parker Terrace. Replacement of Siding at Parker Terrace Community room

The Housing Authority is under a mandate from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to build a sewer treatment plant for the Elise Circle and Parker Terrace developments. Graves Engineering, Inc. has designed the new sewer treatment plant. In September of 2014 the Housing Authority contracted with Barbato Construction Co., Inc of Middleboro, MA., the lowest, eligible, responsible bidder, in the amount of $2,550,755.00 for the construction of the sewer treatment plant. Construction commenced in October and will continue through the summer of 2015 with an anticipated completion date of

September 1, 2015. The Plant is now up and running as of December 5, 2015 however work will not be completed until Spring of 2016.

The Housing Authority received the following grants:

✔ Health & Safety
$26,650 from DHCD to conducting sidewalk & roadway paving repairs throughout the Parker Terrace & Elise Circle developments
$27,000 from DHCD to replace rotted entry & electrical panel exterior doors at Parker Terrace. This project will commence in the spring of 2015.
$27,000 from DHCD to replace Federal Pacific apartment electrical panels at Elise Circle. This project will also commence in the spring of 2015.

✔ Sustainability Initiative for Energy Savings Grant though DHCD
$50,000 for the installation of air source heat pump heating , cooling system and windows for the Elise Circle Community building.

✔ Other Grants received
$5,000 from DHCD for Cyber Security and Computer Upgrade Initiative (webpage creation, etc.).
$231,538 (approximately) for the design & construction of handicapped ramps at Elise Circle. This project will also commence in the spring of 2016.

The Housing Authority is extremely grateful for the $200,000.00 grant from the Town's Community Preservation Act Funds to replace siding & windows at the Elise Circle elderly/handicapped development.

Bids will be sought in January 2015 for siding & window replacements on buildings #2 though #7 as well as the community building at Elise Circle with an anticipated commencement of construction in the spring. This project will be paid for with a combination of DHCD Capital funds, $200,000 in CPA funds & $50,000 in DHCD Sustainability Initiative for Energy Savings funds. This job has since been completed.

The Housing Authority has also received a $55,905.00 grant from the Town's Community Preservation Act Funds to replace roofs at our scattered site properties and Elise Circle Dwelling Units. We again are very grateful for this contribution.

These funds in addition to our operating reserves will allow us to go forward on replacement of roofs at our scattered sites, 2 dwelling buildings at Elise Circle and the roof at the Robert J. Keefe Community Building at Parker Terrace. We will also be replacing siding at the Robert J. Keefe Community Building at Parker Terrace. The job is currently in the design phase and we will go out to bid in the early spring2016.

Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Steiger, Executive Director

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Easton Historical Commission (EHC) continues in its efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect Easton's historic and archeological resources. The EHC works cooperatively with the Town's other commissions, boards, and committees to monitor and help guide any effects that development and change can bring to Easton's unique historic character. The Commission is available as a resource to any citizen for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes, and archeological sites in the Town of Easton. Our Town's historic character is frequently cited as one of the leading reasons Easton consistently appears on lists of "Best Places to Live".

This year, the EHC continued its progress with the ongoing goals and activities included in Easton's historic preservation plan.

- The Commission continued to support and oversee CPA-funded restoration work at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall and the Wayside Estate (Town Offices).
- Eleven applications related to the Town's demolition review bylaw were accepted and considered; eight properties were found not historically significant and demolition permits were issued; two properties were eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and were found historically significant resulting in public hearings; of those two properties, substantial additions were approved for one and the other was demolished and replaced with an approved new structure. Adopted at Annual Town Meeting in 2004, the demolition review bylaw provides an opportunity for property owners and the Commission to explore alternatives to demolishing historically significant buildings or adversely impacting the character of historic neighborhoods.
- Twelve applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness relating to projects within the expanded Ames Local Historic District in North Easton were accepted and considered; four proposals were minor and Certificates were granted; eight applications were submitted for major work at four different properties resulting in public hearings, with Certificates granted for all eight applications (although final plans and specifications are still required for one of the properties, and reconstruction work has yet to begin at another). Adopted at Annual Town Meeting in 2010 and expanded at Annual Town Meeting in 2013, the Ames Local Historic District ensures redevelopment in this historically significant area is appropriate and contextual with the character of the district.
- Members completed draft Design Guidelines for Local Historic Districts which, when adopted, will assist District property owners in planning rehabilitation projects.
- Members began consideration for a potential proposal of a second Local Historic District in South Easton.
- Members planned for possible designation and protection of potential scenic roads.
- The Commission considered and commented on several significant proposals such as the Easton Avalon 40B project and the Queset Commercial Zoning Overlay District.
- Commission members attend and participate in several inspections, presentations, training sessions, workshops, and other Town board meetings during the year.
- Commission members to monitor preservation restrictions on various properties in Easton to ensure compliance.

The EHC held its annual Achievement Awards presentation and photography contest awards on January 9, 2016 at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall. The Clement Briggs Award "in recognition of a building, site, landscape, or architectural or archeological project that is a significant part of Easton's historical integrity" was given to Beacon Communities for the Ames Shovel Works project. Richard Hill, longtime organist at Unity Church known for his work in education and advocacy, received the Chaffin Award "given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to historic preservation in the Town of Easton".

Respectfully submitted: Tim Hurley, Chair; John J. Ventresco, Vice Chair; Paul Panaikas, Clerk; Greg Strange; Amy Spencer

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings; and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

In 2015, the Municipal Building Committee oversaw completion of the Moreau Hall Roof Project. The Committee is grateful for the continued involvement of its veteran members, Ralph Vatalaro, Ken Carlson, Keith Graveline, Fred Isleib, and Larry Mowatt, and John J. Kent.

Throughout the past year, the committee met and conferred with town officials, various boards and committees, and is working closely with Director of School Operations, David Twombly, and DPW Director, David Field, as well as with the Massachusetts School Building Association, on the Moreau Hall roof project.

In 2016, the Committee will continue to fulfill its mission to oversee any upcoming projects, and looks forward to participating in other initiatives to improve school and other town buildings. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm as needed in the Administrative Conference Room at 50 Oliver Street, and agendas will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J Vatalaro, III., Chairman
Keith Graveline, Vice Chairman
Ken Carlson
Larry Mowatt
Fred Isleib
John J. Kent

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Easton Recreation Department provides diverse and equitable programs that reach out to the recreational needs of the community of Easton. The department continues to offer quality programming for adults and youth in the community with the limited funding that is available. We are appreciative of what funds the community can contribute to our programs. We are working with Anne Daley as the full time Program Director, a part time program assistant and a seven-member Recreation Commission. The Commission meets monthly to help guide and further develop the department and its programs. The Commission as well serves as a core volunteer group in support of our Program Director.

With the start of the new fiscal year Recreation joined the Health, Veterans' Services and Council on Aging Departments to become Health and Community Services. This will allow us to work together and reach a larger percentage of the Town. We will work closely with the Council on Aging and Veterans Services to share space in the building allowing it to feel like a true Community Center. This will allow us to offer additional programming. The programs and activities offered during 2015 are listed below.

Youth Programs: Hip hop, Art, Flag Football, Musical Theatre, Running Club, Tennis, Girls Volleyball, March Madness Basketball, Basketball Clinics, Kayaking, Swimming Lessons, Swim Team, Full Day Summer Program, Wrestling, Tee Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Babysitting Course, CPR and First Aid, Cross Country, Science Exploration and Play Well Lego Technology.

Adult Programs: Kayak Adventures, Men's Basketball, Sunday Morning Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball and Tennis.

Our events began with our Annual Egg Hunt. Eggs were scattered on the lawn of the Town Offices and collected by our largest group ever. The bunny was busy taking pictures and hopping around with the children. This is always a fun day, enjoyed by everyone!

Thanks to the North Easton Savings Bank we were able to host a Dale and The Duds concert at Frothingham Park. Despite the hot weather this was very well attended and we hope to offer more concerts in the future.

Our last event was our 2nd annual duck pluck. Almost 2000 ducks were sold. The numbered ducks were poured into the Town Pool where one of our brave lifeguards dove in and pulled out 33 ducks 1 duck at a time for our lucky prizewinners. We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for the prize donations. Mike Connolly, The Benton Family, The Babbitt Family, Makeovers Salon and Spa, Country Gardens, Ultimate Pizza, Farmers Daughter, North Easton Savings Bank, Buddy's Union Villa, Stoneforge Grill, Take Outs, Village Toy Shop, Pizza Depot, Sophie's Pizza and Langwater Farm for their prize donations.

The crowds at the Children's Races were bigger than ever. We had over 200 runners per week ages 2-12. Over 4000 ribbons and freeze pops were handed out. Many thanks to Easton Learning Adventures, Cub Scout Pac 193 and our community service volunteers for their donation of freeze pops and their help at the races.

The town pool had another successful year. This year the pool continued to offer swimming lessons and events that included birthday parties and competitive swim meets.

Edwin A. Keach Park was very busy with softball, soccer, lacrosse, football and ultimate Frisbee. With the addition of a refrigerator and shelving, the snack bar was up and running.

The department has been working hard to increase revenue and seek program sponsors and donations. Many of our programs couldn't take place without the kindness of volunteers and generosity of donations and sponsorships. Our 2015 sponsors were Meredith K. Keach-Caldwell Banker, Balanze Physical Therapy, Easton Lions Club, Connolly Insurance, Roche Bros., North Easton Savings Bank, Morse

Insurance, Maplewood Country Day Camp, John T. Veale and Peter G. Veale, Inc., and Personal Best Karate. We appreciate your support.

The department continues to work with the CPA Committee to identify and acquire additional open space for recreational purposes. We are thankful to the CPA Committee for their support.

The Recreation Commission is working on improving facilities, geocaching, new and existing programs and upcoming events. A new project for the Commission is the Eastondale Playground. A Recreation Sub-Committee has been formed to begin the process of renovating this facility.

For additional information or questions please visit www.easton.ma.us under recreation or call the office at 508-238-3084.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Benton, Chair

Tana Babbitt

Michelle Durrance

Jennifer Gallagher

Mike Glynn

Charles Hammond

Meredith Keach

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2015, the Council on Aging reached out to the 4,917 residents of Easton age 60 or over through our monthly newsletter. The Council provided over 41,498 units of service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach for 1,468 individuals.

We provided 9,430 rides on our lift-equipped shuttle vans for 190 elderly and disabled residents to a variety of local destinations including medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers, the community building at Parker Terrace and Frothingham Hall Community Center for Council on Aging programs. We continued our connection with the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) Dial-a-Bat service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments and also provided early morning and late afternoon trips with federal funding obtained through a BAT grant. We applied for a Mass DOT Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) grant through the Brockton Area Transit Authority and were able to replace our 2008 Ford van with a new vehicle in the fall of 2015. We went out to bid a new Para transit minivan and were able to have this vehicle in service in the spring of 2015. Funds from a prior year Special Town Meeting Article, along with grants and donations will pay for this new vehicle.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care Services, LLC provided foot care at monthly clinics. The Board of Health sponsored monthly blood pressure clinics. We were able to provide a variety of classes in our fitness program. These classes were supported in part with state funds from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). Old Colony Elder Services provided hot lunches at the Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and with the help of COA volunteers we delivered meals on wheels to homebound elders.

We were fortunate to have over fifty volunteers help us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our older residents Volunteers also assisted elders with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions. Twenty-five older homeowners participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program and provided valuable help to the town while receiving a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We are grateful to the many individuals and groups who enriched the lives of our older residents through their generous gifts of time and support. The Easton Lions Club held their annual cookout and Eye Mobile health screenings for our older residents in October at Frothingham Hall. Children, along with their families and teachers at the Easton Middle School provided wonderful gift bags for elders who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December. The Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for our older residents. The Bristol County Sheriff's Dept., the Easton Police and Fire Departments and senior participants of TRIAD provided a number of programs, which promoted the safety and wellbeing of our older residents.

Our part-time Outreach Coordinator made home visits and arranged a variety of home care services for elders by working with Old Colony Elder Services, volunteer groups, and private homemaker agencies. She coordinated educational programs for seniors at Frothingham Hall and assisted elders in applying for fuel assistance and food stamps, which is now called S.N.A.P., the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Our long time Council on Aging director, Dolores 'Del' Kent announced her retirement after 34 years working for the Town. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement and look forward to working with Kristin Kennedy, who was appointed the Interim COA Director in January. In July, we joined the Board of Health, Recreation Commission and Veterans' service to form the new Health & Community Services Department. We look forward to working with these other departments in pursuit of our common goal of promoting health, wellness and community engagement.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs. The Frothingham Hall Community Center provides a wonderful space for our programs and services. However, there are challenges working in a hundred year

old building and we look forward to working with town officials to upgrade the operating systems, create more efficient program space and restore the historic beauty of this wonderful building, so that it will be a well-used community center for many years to come.

For more information on programs and services, please contact Kristin Kennedy, Director,
15 Barrows Street, North Easton, MA 02356.
Telephone: 508-238-3160; E-mail: kkennedy@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted:

Rose Friedeborn, Chair
Nicolina Previti, Vice-chair
Lois Parker, Member
Melinda Nelhuebel
Marie Graca, Member
Jean Shearing, Member
Francis Spillane, Member

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL ACT CHARTER COMMITTEE

On June 23, 2014 the Easton Board of Selectmen reestablished Easton's Special Act Charter Committee. The charge of the Special Act Charter Committee was well-defined and narrow—the Committee was to review a proposed Charter drafted several years earlier. That proposed Charter was created in direct response to the recommendation of Easton's Government Study Committee, which proposed a Town Manager/Town Council form of government.

The reconstituted Special Act Charter Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It is comprised of two members of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the School Committee, two members of the Finance Committee, and one citizen representative. The Committee began meeting in late 2014 and reviewed the Charter extensively over the course of 10 open public meetings held in 2014 and 2015. During the review process, the Committee was guided by the expertise and analytical support of The Collins Center for Public Management, part of the University of Massachusetts at Boston. The Committee also sought and received input from representatives of other municipalities that had relevant experience with the charter change process and the various forms of Town Manager/Town Council Charters.

At the end of the process, the Special Act Charter Committee presented a newly revised Charter proposal to the Board of Selectmen on July 24, 2015. The Board of Selectmen then scheduled three public forums, in October, November, and December of 2015. The purpose of the public forums was to present the proposed Charter and allow for citizen questions and comments regarding the substance of the Charter. Those public forums were attended by both the Board of Selectmen and representatives from the Special Act Charter Committee.

The Committee is greatly appreciative of both the assistance received by Easton town employees and the research and guidance provided by the Collins Center during the Charter review process.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Corona, Chair
Steve Merlin, Vice Chair
Dottie Fulginiti
Ben Hampton
Elaine Hanson
Fred Isleib
Colleen Less

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2015.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the seventeen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the Old Colony Regional Transportation Plan (Moving U 2040); the 2015 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Old Colony Region; the 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Brockton Area Transit Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan; the Plymouth Special Events Traffic Analysis and Management Plan; the Old Colony Regional Freight Study; and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities; and, continued participation in the South Coast Commuter Rail Task Force, provided technical assistance to Bridgewater, and Stoughton, related to the potential rail service. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. The DLTA funding was used in such areas as regionalization, including the investigation of water, wastewater, and the aggregation of electricity, as well as conducting a number of land use analyses, neighborhood economic and transportation analyses, the development of Community Business Guides, providing a variety of economic development technical assistance as well as Green Communities Designation and Grant Program technical assistance. The Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA) during the past year, with assistance and guidance from member community advisory committee members, has continued the ongoing administration of over $1.5 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 95,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with over 1,300 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 300 issues of concern from residents or families. In Addition, OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the Towns of Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton. During 2015 the Council processed approximately $408,500 in loans for both septic systems and sewer connection for the communities under the Septic Loan Program.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2015, the Council elected Lee Hartmann, of Plymouth as Council President; Fred L. Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Treasurer; and, Frank P. Staffier of Avon as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging

Advisory Committee Chair Richard Whitney for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanmarie Joyce, Delegate
Stephen Donahue, Alternate
Troy E. Garron, Delegate At Large

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY
Where the Community Connects

"Everywhere I turned, I found life-affirming experiences and people. There's a great sense of possibilities.... Volunteerism is alive and well....Children are being exposed to influences that will shape them into adults of substance and purpose. Adults participate in new learning and have a nexus of camaraderie thanks to the Ames Free Library—there's something very special going on in that community. I wish it could be held up as a model for others."

~ Randy Spencer, Author in Residence at Queset House, April 2015.

PRODUCTIVITY MEASURES	*FY15*
Visitors	120,121
Circulation	168,725
Program Attendees	11,849
Reference transactions	9,085
Computer use	17,399
Registered borrowers	13,574
Hours Open – Main Hours Open – Queset House	2,608 2,542
Volunteer hours – non-subsidized	2,651

NOTE: Fiscal year statistics (State Aid Annual Report Information Survey).

Circulation Highlights

The buildings are fantastic; the Staff is fantastic; the programs are fantastic; you are all just doing a fantastic job at the library!" ~ Dr. David Mudd, April 2015.

The ability to do a "fantastic job" is dependent on a complex mix of what has worked traditionally for public libraries and what is seen as the future of community needs at a library.

- With 168,725 items circulated, the library remained in the top ten SAILS libraries lending material to users. SAILS is a valuable consortium of 73 neighboring libraries and branches that allow Easton residents to reserve the latest bestseller or access obscure titles from a total of 3,535,414 items owned by the consortium as a whole.
- A rise in the use of downloadable and digital material was also recorded. The use of eBooks almost doubled to 9,094 uses. 1,810 audio books and videos were downloaded while 8,614 items in electronic format were used.
- Emerging technologies led to the continued acquisition and use of non-traditional items: X-box, Playstations, Wii consoles, chromebooks, Roku streaming media players, eReaders, and electronic games.

Technology and User Experience:

The role of the public library in preventing a digital divide in the community and enhancing accessibility to fast-developing technology has been a major motivation in this past year. In addition to the acquisition of non-traditional items listed above, under the guidance of Jed Phillips, the library completed the following:

- Aging library catalog computers were replaced with energy efficient and small footprint Raspberry Pi Kiosks.

- A new Drupal based library website was launched with ongoing content management and enhancements based on page analytics.
- Public WiFi speeds were upgraded to 75mbpsUpload/Download speed fiber optics to enhance simultaneous user loads.
- Aging phone system was replaced.
- Library participated in closed Beta test of SAILS Mobile Circ system with bluetooth scanner to investigate potential for mobile wireless functionality outside of traditional library space.
- An online scheduling system for technology programs was implemented.
- The library installed a $6,000 digital scanner, won in raffle at the American Library Association annual conference.

Facilities

"I swoon. Reader, I swoon....Thank you for showing me and everyone who visits what a public library can and should be." ~ Kate Klise, Author-in-Residence, August 2015

- The need for accessible community space was made very clear. 33,490 visitors were recorded in the first full calendar year of the learning commons at Queset House. Close to 70 groups used it as meeting space, in addition to various individuals using it for private events.
- The ground floor room rental at 51 Main Street was terminated as of 1 April, 2015 to provide space for the Friends of the Library for sorting book sales.
- The Cottage at 56 Main Street was successfully sold as of May 1, 2015.
- Trial Sunday service, funded by private donors, was tried April through June, 2015.
- Exterior up-lighting was installed at the Main Library and light fixtures at both locations were switched to energy efficient LED bulbs.
- An antique glass case donated by the Boston Public Library was repurposed to display library-made crafts.
- Maximum Occupancy for 53 Main Street (95 people) and 51 Main Street (104 people) were calculated by Architect J. Thomas and registered with Building Inspector, M. Trivett.
- Congressman Joe Kennedy III held Open Office Hours at Queset House on May 16; Representative Claire Cronin on June 15 and Representative Shaunna O'Connell on August 23.
- Hoodpad, an online neighborhood guide, named the library as a "top neighborhood amenity".
- The wall masonry project was partially completed with balance to be completed in 2016.
- *The Catalogue Raisonné of Works by Philip de László (1869-1937)* being produced digitally by patron H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, photographed the library's portrait of Mrs. Frothingham.
- In Queset Garden, two bat houses were installed following the foray of an errant bat in the main library. Bronze plaques and charming frog-relief was inlaid in donated benches. The area bordering the vernal pool was restored with the planting of winterberries, dogwood, viburnums and removal of Rose of Sharon.
- At Queset House a number of improvements were made: four LED bollards along the front ramp entrance; coat racks; a doorbell; driveway delineators; and an automatic door opener for handicapped accessibility to the rear entrance.

Programs

"I find it extremely difficult to believe that there is another small library in America that provides its community with as innovative and community driven services and programs as provided by the Ames Free Library." ~ Deborah Conrad, Executive Director of SAILS library consortium, September 2015.

For Adults:

Programming for adults was redefined as a 21st century form of reference. Community experts were brought in to answer questions, develop group interests and provide a rich gamut of lifelong learning so essential to Easton's large Boomer demographic. Programs for adults almost doubled at 643.

- Personal finance talks covered Social Security; retirement; college financing; helping 'big kids' own their own homes; estate planning, and health care after retirement.

- Small business owners were supported with presentations on the art of business networking, steps to starting a business and legal considerations for owners.
- General talks featured an advisory session on making love last; an all-ages presentation on 'Kids have Stress Too' with tools to cope; an image-rich account of golfing in Ireland; a unique 2-hour workshop hosted by local filmmaker, Gino del Guercio on making documentaries; Easton photojournalist, Robert Klein, on the art of newsworthy photography; making Mandalas in the wild; and a wellness lecture on 'The Secret of Having it All'.
- Cultural Council funding allowed for a hands-on workshop on pastel painting with award-winning artist, Greg Maichack; and a celebration of Women's History Month with John Adams reenactor, George Baker, who made Abigail Adams come alive.
- *Massmouth South* collaborated with the library to present the first Story Slam, a live storytelling competition.
- Summer programs included iPad workshops; fiddle workshops; weekly sessions on nomadic travel, environmental art, Reiki healing; monthly Tai Chi.
- The Author-in-Residence program expanded this year with four different authors: Randy Spencer from Maine; Kate Klise from Missouri, John Lunn from New Hampshire and Indira Ganesan from Provincetown.
- Historian Ed Hands offered three popular historical walks through Easton Center and Stonehill College and one on the role of Easton in the Civil War.
- Michelle Duprey meticulously organized an elaborate Civil War Weekend. Military and civilian encampments from the *22nd MVI and USSC Boston Branch* set up candlelit tours; live music; barbecues; and an 1860's fashion show for about 950 visitors.

As can be seen in the underlined text, a great many of the adult programs offered at the library evolved into regular features. The interest of the community to meet on a regular basis through the sharing of interests fueled the growth of a series of Series at the library:

- 'One-on-One-with-an-Expert' continued all year with volunteer residents: E.Hand's biweekly genealogy sessions; A. Donahue's weekly meditation; J. Brown's monthly car repair; poets R. Berg and G. Comeaux' nine-session workshops on writing/editing poetry; architecture with J.Thomas and art appreciation with K.Hays.
- Weekly expert sessions were conducted by staff as well on smart phone usage; digital photography; arm knitting; make-up; conversion technologies; eBay selling; fiddle playing; techniques for social media, and one-on-one computer lessons.
- The monthly Foodie Group hosted pastry chef Joyce Parliapiano, food blogger Rick Pessin; a session on knife skills; a panel discussion with local meat, poultry experts; *JJ's Caffé*; Azorean cooking with Maria Lawton; Paula Marcoux on outdoor fire cooking; diet choices and autism; and ended with the annual 'Holiday Happenings' kitchen swaps.
- Tech Talks included the basics of Adobe Photoshop and SEO (Search Engine Optimization).
- Author Talks were given by Hallie Ephron; Kyla Bennett, Michael Keith, David Surette, Dorothy MacNeill Dupont, Leslie Morgan Steiner, Andy Tomolonis, Anjali Mitter Duva, Michael de La Pena, Kevin Symmons, and award-winning science fiction author, Ken Liu.
- NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) was once again offered for the seventh consecutive year and hosted by C. Allen.
- Monthly films, were selected and hosted by W.Brown.
- Fiber arts continued to thrive with the Needleworker's Group started by resident B. Lindsay; the Quilting Club and Knitting Group facilitated by K. Korona and the Beading group with D. Aducci.
- Trip Talks, arranged by L. Rubinacci, featured Iceland; the jungles of Ecuador; India and Nepal; Santa Fe; Danube cruises; Brazil; group travel; Uzbekistan; easy walks in Massachusetts; and alternatives to hotel living.

For Teens

The library was awarded a two-year long competitive federal LSTA grant for teens and tweens. This allowed for more than double the number of teen programs hosted by the library and organized by part-time

Youth Services librarian, Courtney Allen. The 165 programs also allowed for the cultivation of a steady teen presence during those critical after-school hours.
In consultation with the ongoing Teen Advisory Board that met periodically through the year, a wide range of teen interests were mined or supported as seen in the program offerings listed below:

- Technology programs offered were workshops on 3-D printing; Oculus Rift virtual immersion; the Raspberry Pi; robotics; wearable art with EL wires; Stop Animation movie workshop; bristlebots and throwies; coding with Minecraft; basic computer coding and a Makey-Makey workshop.
- Regular programs included Teen Gaming Nights, Teen Movie Nights, Half-Day Hangout movies during short school days, Magic gatherings, LEGO club meets and Teen Anime Meets.
- Special programs for teens varied from leadership workshops like a three-part 'Talk/Walk/Rock Like A Superhero' and Young Writers Workshops with K.Klise to entertaining ones like Nerf Wars in the garden; the making of pillow cases out of old t-shirts; sewing of cloth hearts with K.Korona; cupcake decorating; cooking super foods with Chef Barbour; henna art; an interactive Harry Potter Movie Night, creating art with duct tape; 2-part DIY gift workshops; Hunger Games murder mystery evening, and a presentation by GeekGal on paranormal incidents in MA.
- Teen community programs included an evening of screening and discussing the 'Best of Young Filmmakers' in collaboration with ECAT; a Teen Stress-Busting Party and Ice Cream Party.

For Children
The 356 children's programs organized by Ms. Mimsy attracted 6,068 young attendees from infants to teens.

- Lapsit, Pajama, age-specific story times and book clubs were held regularly through the year and continued to draw young audiences every day.
- The annual Summer Library Program featuring weekly programs in the Garden attracted large numbers of families and concluded with the presentation of 173 reading prizes.
- Author read alouds featured Carla Marrero, Alyson Larrabee and Kate Klise.
- Other innovative programs during the year included the Pumpernickel Puppets; Singers & Shakers music sessions; outdoor hooping with Kat Suwalski; Take Your Child to the Library Day; Star Wars Reads programs; a Royal Tea Party for 3-7 year old tiara-wearing princesses; and an Alpaca Education Day featuring five doe-eyed alpacas, spinning stations and 4-H youth docents.

"Where the community connects"
"When you walk through these doors (Ames Free Library), you will find yourself in the heart of Easton."~ John Lunn, Author-in-Residence, September 2015

To make the 'heart of Easton' accessible, the library was open 2,608 hours of which 1,134 were after 5 pm and 638 on weekends. 13,574 individuals registered as library cardholders. Non-card holders such as daily visitors from the SE Rehabilitation Center and computer users who were given temporary passes continued to use the library. All ages connected at the library as can be seen in some of the examples below.

- Youth Services Librarian, M.Hasler, provided outreach reading at the *YMCA, preschools, elementary schools,* and the *Animal Protection Center* through the year.
- To encourage donations of sleepwear to *Cradles to Crayons*, staff celebrated Pajama Day at the library on February 18. A total of 32 PJ sets were finally donated.
- On March 5, *Artfully Ames* premiered with an exhibit of 2nd graders artistic rendition of the library.
- The *Center for Women and Enterprise* and the *Easton Chamber of Commerce* joined with the library to host workshops aimed at small business owners.
- Library Knitting group collaborated with *Project Sweet Peas* to donate over 100 hats to the Intensive Care Units caring for preemies.
- *Cub Scout Pack 193* held outdoor flag ceremony tutorials at the library.
- Fifth graders from the *Richardson-Olmsted school* held a picnic at Queset Garden and House.
- Ms. Mimsy represented the library at *Easton STEAM Night* and other STEM meetings.
- *World Wide Knit in Public Day* was celebrated on June 13 with outdoor knitting and crocheting in the Garden. K.Korona facilitated.

- *The Mom's Club, Project Sweet Peas* and the library partnered to collate care packages.
- *Self Help Inc.* continued a Bucket Filler's Club at the library for kindergartners to Grade 3.
- K. Hayes connected the owner of the *Martial Arts Center* in West Bridgewater with the library which resulted in free monthly Tai Chi classes in Queset Garden.
- Local artist *Inez Smrz* was granted temporary space to work on her art at Queset House.
- The *ESTCD* (Cultural District) Artist on Display Program exhibited monthly at the library.
- The talented members of the *Easton Garden Club* set up the second annual Books in Bloom exhibit at the library from September 24 – 26.
- *HUGS II* sponsored a well attended talk on domestic violence.
- K. Callina used Queset House to organize weekly *Homeschooling* Math classes.
- Resident Lucas Murphy volunteered his race truck for kids to enjoy on *Touch A Truck Day*, August 31. The Police and Fire Departments also graciously provided vehicles.
- *Music Lovers Association* and the *One Book One Town* community groups were formed.
- *Food For Fines* was held for a week to collect donations for the Easton Pantry.
- *Proctored* exams were scheduled at the library and managed by staff.
- Resident *David Fairbanks* donated an 'Eliza at Ascot' doll for fundraising.
- Toys were once again collected for *My Brother's Keeper.*
- *Project Opportunity* sponsored by the OA High School worked with the library to train special education students through weekly supervised volunteering
- Seven Little Free Libraries were completed by *SE Regional Vocational Technical High School.*
- Staff volunteered as elves at *My Brother's Keeper.*
- Local watercolor artist *Eveline Johnson* gifted her rendition of Queset House to the library.
- Volunteer Liz Hadley co-hosted a *Teen Read* session on local cable with C. Allen.

Budget

"The Ames Library is remarkable in how it has been able to project itself to an extraordinary level in a few short years so that it now leads the way in inspiring others in the region."
~ Shelley Quezada, MA Board of Library Commissioners, September 2015.

In FY15, the library was in full compliance with the materials expenditure requirements and open hour standards as set by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Easton's municipal per capita expenditure for the library was $19.59 according to the most recent (FY13) *Municipal Pie* report deriving from the Uniform Municipal Accounting System. The average in the 15,000 – 24,999 population grouping of 53 municipalities was $36.55. At 0.70% of total municipal expenditures, Easton ranked 48th out of 53. With close to 48% of the budget fulfilled by private endowments; almost 35 % by municipal and state government; over 5% through fundraising and the balance through rentals, fines, and successful grants, the Ames Free Library continued to provide "extraordinary" value to the community.

Fundraising

"Best New Year's party - What a wonderful party. The best time had by all of us. The band was spectacular and Queset was perfect to transform you to the 1920s. Loved it! Can't wait for next year."
~ Roula Lombardi, January 1, 2016.

The generosity of the community and tireless fundraising by Development Manager Marion Wingfield was critical in helping the library achieve its aims for the year.

- The Annual Appeal attracted $28,940 from library supporters from December 2014 – June 2015.
- The MOMs Club of Easton raised $2,885 for children's programming at the library.
- The Cultural Council granted $250 to partially fund a pastel workshop.
- $1,467 was received from the Artisan's Faire hosted in partnership with the ESTCD.
- The *We Dig Easton* raffle, hosted in collaboration with NRT and the Children's Museum of Easton, netted $2,668 for each institution.
- *Olde Tyme Field Day* on June 20 provided $11,517 in fundraising.
- The sale of quilted/knitted/beaded goods created at the library made $474.
- The Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild of Walpole donated $150 toward quilting books.

- The Friends of the Library purchased a $399 computerized sewing machine for the Quilters; provided $250 to purchase food for teen programs and bought two folding tables for events.
- For a second consecutive year, the Sharon Orchestra Band raised about $700 for the library.
- The Friends donated all proceeds from a December raffle: $783.
- The popular Gatsby Gala of December 31 had a net profit of $6,700.

Board and Staff

Queset House is a beautiful, comfortable and user friendly location for meetings.....And, very importantly, the Library staff is great to work with. They are very accommodating and easy to deal with. You are tops! ~ Paula Peterson, October 2015

- Assistant Director Jason Bloom moved on to the Directorship of Middleboro Library as of July 2015. In his three-year tenure, he worked diligently in setting up the technological infrastructure at Queset House and developing a long-range technology plan for the library.
- Following five years of service to the library, Ian Dunbar was promoted to Assistant Director.
- Jed Phillips was promoted to Head of TUX (Technology and User Experience).
- Heather O'Leary accepted a full-time position as Reference and Adult Services Librarian.
- Courtney Allen started work as part-time Youth Services Librarian.
- Per Diem staff added to cover hours at Queset and on weekends was D. Hourigan, E.Little, T. Donadio and S. McBain in place of K. Piasecka, A.Keaney and E.MacNeil.
- J. Roan and W. Brown completed 15 years at the library while A.M.Large completed 20 years. Sue Hammond retired after 27 years of dedicated service.
- J.Phillips' article on the Rasberry Pi was published by *Public Libraries* online.
- Ian Dunbar was selected and completed the New England Library Leadership Symposium.
- U. Hiremath concluded a book tour in Uzbekistan and presented at the International Library Conference at Tashkent in April.
- Board and Staff are deeply grateful for the years of inspired service provided by Town Appointees Marcia Connors and Steve Merlin. New appointees Kelly Bressette and Kevin Kidd got to work almost immediately with K. Bressette as a key planner of the Gatsby fundraiser. All through the year, the nine-member volunteer Board of Directors consistently met at least once a month to plan, implement and ensure fiscal robustness and ongoing fidelity to the mission of the library.

Respectfully submitted:
Uma Hiremath, Executive Director

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2015. The total amount distributed by all three funds for 2015 was similar to the total amount distributed for 2014. Dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios accounted for roughly fifty-five percent of the total income earned with the balance coming from interest income earned on fixed income securities and certificates of deposit.

Investment returns are still increasing, and the markets had a reasonable year. Dividend income is still a challenge, but The Trustees will continue to work closely with investment advisors to assure that portfolio quality remains high and that income available for distribution is as high as prudent management permits.

	Book Value	12/31/15 Market Value	2015 Income Paid to Town
Highways Fund	$5,520,058.88	$7,398,798.24	$247,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	$247,027.63	$303,765.12	$8,000.00
Schools Fund	$4,661,570.70	$6,367,040.72	$170,000.00

Respectfully,
James S. Thomas, Trustee

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Income:	Donors	2,500.00
	Friends of OAMH	7,013.00
	Music Series	2,540.00
	Rentals	38,875.00
	Total Income.....	50,928.00
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries/Fees	Rental Agent	3,000.00
	Custodian	5,520.00
		8,520.00
Utilities	Heating Oil	7,931.00
	National Grid	6,791.00
	Columbia Gas	331.00
	Town of Easton- Water	437.00
	Verizon Telephone	535.00
		16,025.00
Fire Safety	Town of Easton- Sprinkler Fees	668.00
	Sprinkler Inspections (4)	1,654.00
	Replace strobe light	1,568.00
		3,890.00
Insurance	Liability and Workers' Comp.	830.00
Miscellaneous	Handicapped Ramp	3,440.00
	Music Series	3,189.00
	Kitchen Hand Washing Station	1,810.00
	22 Six-Foot Tables	1,649.00
	Web Page, Internet	1,604.00
	Hardware &Cleaning Supplies	1,434.00
	Scaffolding Masonic Ceiling	1,200.00
	Waste Management	1,041.00
	Friends of OAMH	1,026.00
	Oil Burner Service	985.00
	Brockton Enterprise	818.00
	Landscaping	780.00
	Plumbing	443.00
	Tax Preparation	300.00
	Other	1,600.00
		21,319.00
	Total Expense.....	50,584.00
	Net Income <Deficit>	344.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

38R FOREST STREET * ATTLEBORO, MA 02703
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This year marks the 56th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The project was established in 1959 in response to numerous cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to this arbovirus and to the newly introduced West Nile Virus. In November, our operation moved to a new larger facility in Attleboro, please note the address change but contact numbers remain the same.

Much has changed in recent years with new technologies and products now available to help monitor and suppress the presence of mosquito borne diseases. Our project has embraced new innovations to help us serve the public with greater efficiency. We utilize GPS guidance systems on our spray trucks. These devices enable our workers to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications, document application routes, and tell us where "no spray zones" exist in any particular neighborhood. We have also adopted more environmentally responsible products for our larvicide and adulticide applications. We did this in order to be a better steward of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We still continue our practice of surveillance through trapping and sending specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for testing.

During the 2015-mosquito season, 21,256 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were no isolations of EEE with no human cases in the County. We had fourteen mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human cases. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

Our project continues its efforts year round. Our goal is to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. We clean and maintain drainage ditches, culverts, and streams.

During the time period January 1, 2015– December 31, 2015 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 9,706 acres
- Treated 28 acres with *B.t.i.* in 17 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 1,266 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 1,400 feet of brush
- Treated 2,280 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including; speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational posters for distribution.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Easton for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton
Superintendent

December 31, 2015

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:
Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman; Gregory D. Dorrance; Joseph Barile; Christine A. Fagan; Robert F. Davis

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the **Easton Cultural Council (ELCC)** is to award grants based on an allocation received annually from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The ELCC's goal is to support public programs that promote education, diversity, excellence in and access to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Its mission is to directly affect the residents of Easton, to achieve the greatest community benefit, and to cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The ELCC endeavors to make cultural opportunities accessible to all segments of the population, including but not limited to, all racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans, women and children. We are pleased to say that we were able to fund several programs that will enrich the lives of Easton townspeople of all ages and backgrounds.

This past granting cycle we had eleven Council Members. Our present Roster now includes: Chair, Carolyn Cole, Co-secretaries Peter Buhl and Frank Smith, Treasurer Rich Connolly, Lisa Byrnes, Catherine Folan, Mary Kimball, Michael Madonna, Linda Paolucci, Susan Ricciardi and Ines Smrz.

The Members awarded grants totally approximately $7,000.

Easton Local Cultural Council 2015 Activity

The Easton Cultural Council sponsored, Children's Interactive Entertainer, Roger Tinknell, at the Legacy Art/Music/Food/Fun Festival which was held in June at the Governor Oliver Ames Estate in North Easton. This event was free and open to the public and was presented by the Easton Shovel Town Cultural District and the Trustees of Reservations.

This event was a huge success due to the support of community members and organizations including: The Children's Museum in Easton, The Lion's Club, Flourish Florals, The Historical Society, Ames Free Library, Unity Church, The Easton Shovel Town Cultural District Art Co-op Gallery, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, Beacon Communities/Ames Shovel Works Project, Simpson Springs, Gloria Freitas-Steidinger, Easton Advertiser, Rosa Galeno Foods, The Farmer's Daughter, Town of Easton Board of Selectmen, Administrative Management and Staff; Police, Fire, Health, Building, Recreation Departments and Council on Aging. The generosity of the Avery Lee Williams Family Trust, The Bank of Easton, the North Easton Savings Bank and private donors who funded this event. And…of course, the many volunteers who made it all happen!

The Easton Local Cultural Council meets the five member minimum that is in place in order to receive and distribute the annual state grant. If interested in becoming a member of the Council, please contact Carolyn Cole at fairewind7@aol.com or Connor Read, Assistant Town Admnistrator for the Town of Easton, cread@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Cole, Chair

2015 ANNAUL REPORT OF SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

Moira Rouse, Regional Administrator

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) serves member communities with joint procurement and other services and has done so since 1993. There are now twenty member communities served by one SERSG Regional Administrator. Moira Rouse began in this role in February of 2015. Annual dues from member communities support this work and have remained at $4,100 for three years.

Cooperative procurements were held in the spring of 2015 for paper, office supplies, DPW supplies and water and sewer treatment chemicals. In the fall, twenty-four categories of DPW Service work were available for bid, with contracts being written as this Annual Report goes to print.

As a participant in SERSG's office supply contract, Easton has enjoyed a discount of 61.17% off non-excluded office supplies in the United Stationer's Supply wholesaler's catalog and 36.17% off ink and toner cartridges since July of this year. Although this new discount is not as beneficial as the previous two-year contract discount, it is still very favorable. Based on first quarter FY16 figures, Easton will save over $55,000 annually off list prices for office supplies through the SERSG contract. The Town and schools also pay a competitive fixed price for cartons of paper through the SERSG paper contract.

For the Easton Department of Public Works, SERSG procured DPW Supply and Water Treatment Chemical contracts with 13 vendors for 28 items. The estimated value of these supply contracts is over $559,000. DPW Services recently procured for next year are based on over $1.6 million in estimates from Easton. These services include both new and renewed contracts.

In addition to the savings of time due to SERSG handling the procurement until contract execution, additional savings per year result from favorable contract pricing. SERSG contract pricing is equal to or lower than state contract prices and requires less time and effort for departments to use.

Easton joined other SERSG communities in a Community Incentive Grant (CIC) applied for and received in 2014 for regional Stormwater work. During 2015 SERSG remained involved in the statewide dialogue, although no new funding was available. The SERSG Administrator attended a regional meeting on Stormwater needs and funding, and supported a letter to the state about municipalities' needs going forward. With new MS4 regulations due out this month, SERSG will remain engaged in this issue.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway and DPW Superintendents provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns, ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Easton Information Technology Department provides computer and technical support and service for the Easton Town Offices, the Department of Public Works, the Water Division, the Police and Fire Departments and the School Business Office. Information Technology is responsible for 25 servers, 117 desktop computers, 36 notebook computers and 15 iPads. All sites are connected with Town owned 1GB fiber optic lines except Fire Station #2 which is now connected using a secure wireless connection to the tower in back of Fire Station #1. All of the town departments access the Internet thru a single Verizon FiOS line with a backup Comcast Internet connection at the Town Offices.

Currently we are using an integrated municipal application from a company known as SoftRight out of Westford, Massachusetts. The Town went live with the SoftRight Payroll application On January 1 of 2009. Since that time we have migrated all of our other applications including General Ledger, Budget, Accounts Payable & Purchasing, Fixed Assets, Payroll & Personnel, Treasury Receipts, Collector's Receivables, Tax Title, Water Billing and Trash Billing.

In early 2015 I.T. was still working with Terminal to finish the migration from Exchange 2010 to Exchange 2013. A number of individual accounts and calendars simply did not want to migrate and we had to look at each individual account, one at a time, to manually move them over. Once complete, email service to town employees was greatly enhanced with better smart device integration as well as offsite access to email.

Also early in 2015, I.T worked with the Town Electrician and Relcom to systematically go through each building on the Town fiber optic network and re-splice each fiber optic termination. Since this would require taking whole buildings off of the network for several hours each, the work was done on holidays and at night to minimalize work interruptions and downtime. Improved network traffic flow was immediately noticeable. Once complete, Relcom was able to run an integrity report and identify any splices between buildings where loss was occurring. At the Fall Special Town Meeting, a budget was allocated to repair those sub-standard splice points in 2016.

The Assessor's Vision Appraisal server was completely rebuilt with Windows 2008 R2 64bit and the latest version of Vision Appraisal software. This required a lot of coordination between I.T., the Assessor's office and the Vision Appraisal technical support team. We are now in a position to plan a way for the Vision database to interact and share data with the G.I.S. database.

The last physical server in use as an application server was the Docushare document imaging server we call Eastondocs. A new virtual server with Windows 2008R2 64 bit was created to replace the old physical Windows 2003 server. I.T. worked with SRC Solutions to move all the data over and get the new server running which upgraded the software two version levels from version 4 to version 6.

We started having numerous issues with both the Sonicwall ES300 spam filter and the Sonicwall NSA2400 firewall, both of which were 8 years old. According to Sonicwall both units were 'end of life' so a new ESA3300 spam filter and NSA2600 firewall were ordered to replace the old units. Exporting the old settings to import to the new devices had mixed results. The spam filter came right up and worked fine from the start. The firewall took many calls to Sonicwall tech support to get it functioning at the same level as the old unit. There were several new settings that did not fit our environment that needed adjustments.

The Town Offices and Water Division have had wireless access points installed for several years now. In 2015, 9 more wireless access points in the Police Station as well as all 3 Fire Stations. Though initially they did not seem to works as well as the Town Offices units, by working with Aerohive and Whalley Computer, I.T was able to eventually fine tune the units and also to fine tune the firewall to work better with the units such that performance at all locations was considerably improved.

Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
EASTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Easton Agricultural Commission is charged with promoting, preserving, encouraging and facilitating agricultural activities within Easton. It is comprised of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen and generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

The Agricultural Commission continues to operate the Original Easton Farmers Market at its Depot Street location during the growing season (mid-May through October) and at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall during the winter months (November through mid-May). The Market is open from 10:00am to 2:00pm every Saturday. The number of visitors to the market continues to exceed previous years' supporting the mission of the market to provide residents access to locally produced food and to promote local agriculture. An indirect benefit of local agriculture is economic; money spent on locally produced foods and goods is generally put back into the local economy. It is very likely visitors to the winter market also patronize the retail establishments sprouting up (pun intended) downtown.

The number of gardeners renting plots at the Wheaton Farm Community Garden continues to grow. The fields at the garden have proved to be very fertile. Frequently gardeners have seed plants left over after planting their plots. The problem of what to do with these plants was solved when a plot was set aside specifically for the purpose of planting the leftover stock. The bounty of this plot was shared among the gardeners.

During 2015, the Commission met with the Conservation Commission and the property owner of a downstream cranberry bog operator to discuss and provide comment on the impact of water withdrawal on Old and New Pond. The Commission also provided input for a section on agriculture and agriculture land preservation goals for the update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan that is in progress.

Commission members and staff attended several conferences and workshops during the year including the Massachusetts Farmers Market Association Farmers Market Workshop, SEMAP's annual Agricultural Conference and NOFA.

Janice Narsassian did not seek reappointment at the end of term. Her experience growing up on a family farm made her a valued contributor to the Commission and she is missed. Michael Luke was appointed to take her seat on the board. Michael and his wife Mary lease the Tufts Farm conservation property operating a small family farm at the site.

In the upcoming year the Commission will focus on developing an Agricultural Plan that provides a vision for the future of local agriculture in Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sandstrum, Co-Chairman

Edmund Hands, Co-Chairman

Katie O'Dwyer, Secretary

Peter Palm

Sean Flynn

Rosa Galeno

Michael Luke

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

The Public Spaces Committee is responsible for developing and implementing the Town's 'Adopt-A-Space' program, devising program policy and procedures, identifying spaces eligible for adoption as well as providing management and oversight of the custodianship of adopted spaces by commercial and private sponsors.

The Committee meets approximately once per month to review and approve any applications to sponsor a site. The Easton Garden Club has submitted the first two applications, which were both approved.

The Committee has expanded, adding members Frank Murphy, Catherine Folan, and Cheryl Morrison, bringing the total to 6 members.

The Committee has been hard at work in determining signage recommendations for the Town-provided signs that will prominently display the name of the sponsor at each adopted space. Everything from materials, to colors, dimensions, textures, and reflectivity have all been evaluated. The Committee is committed to seeking out signage that will reflect careful consideration to the cost while reconciling desirable craftsmanship with regard to each sign produced.

The Committee is looking forward to a successful year of public space adoptions for 2016 by seeking to expand its base of sponsorship by private individuals, community organizations and businesses alike. We would like to encourage attendance at our meetings by any member of the public, particularly residents interested in participating in the beautification and maintenance initiatives of our town's idyllic spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Murphy, Secretary

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

To the Selectmen and residents of the Town of Easton

The Human Resources Board is comprised of three members who all reside in the Town of Easton. The Board meets at least one time per year to provide recommendations for the implementation and administration of the Classification Plan and Salary Plan for Non-Union employees of the Town of Easton. The Human Resources Board also reviews requests for new non-union positions and gives recommendations for the proposed job description and job classification.

The Human Resources Board met five times in 2015. On January 15, 2015, the Board approved the Non-Union Classification Plan that was prepared in 2014. The Human Resources Board presented the Non-Union Classification Plan to the Board of Selectmen on February 23, 2015. The Board also approved the creation and classification of a part-time Administrative Assistant to the Recreation Department.

The Human Resources Board also undertook an analysis of the Town of Easton By-Laws pertaining to Anti-Discrimination and Maternity/Paternity Policies in light of the amendment to M. G. L. c. 149 §105D. The amendment to that statute required such policies to be gender neutral. The initial meeting to consider the need to change the By-Laws occurred on July 20, 2015. On October 13, 2015, the Board met with Labor Counsel Marc Terry to discuss changes to the By-Laws that would comply with M. G. L. c. 149 §105D. On November 9, 2015, he Human Resources Board recommended changes to the following By-Laws: §59-2, §59-3, §59-46 and §59-47 of Article X. The recommended changes set forth a gender neutral parental leave policy and protections provided by the Equal Employment Opportunity by-law.

For more information on the Human Resources Board and its activities, please contact John D. Curran c/o the Office of the Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted:

John D. Curran, Chair
Jill English, Member
Laura McIntyre, Member

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
Easton Town Clerk

The Year In Review

2015 was an unexpectedly busy year for the Office of the Town Clerk. The Office conducted 3 Elections, 1 Regular Town Election as well as the Special State Primary in October and Special State Election in November due to the untimely passing of State Senator Thomas Brady, the Annual Town Meeting and 1 Special Town Meeting. The Office also maintains a focus on training and professional development. The Records Manager and Compliance Officer, Lucia Longhurst, completed her second year of the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy. Upon her completion of her third year, she will have satisfied the requirements to obtain the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. Over 6500 sets of historical minutes have been uploaded to the Town's "Minutes on Demand" website, with plans for thousands more as they are processed, scanned and filed. The Town Clerk, in his role as 1st Vice President of the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association, continues to work closely with the Legislature and Governor's Office to enhance and improve the Election Process in Massachusetts

Office Of The Town Clerk Mission Statement

To facilitate the efforts of Easton residents, visitors and employees to access public information in an efficient, transparent and timely manner, To enable voters to avail themselves of the democratic process, to provide high quality service in a courteous and professional manner, to strive to improve both the Office and its employees through habitual innovation and education, to preserve and promote the history of the Town through its historical documents and artifacts, and to comply with Federal, State and Local statutes.

General Powers and Duties

The Easton Town Clerk is appointed by the Town Administrator. He holds the rank of department head. State law provides that the Town Clerk is the official keeper of the Town Seal and the Town's Oath Book. He and both members of his staff are Notaries Public and have the authority to notarize documents signed in their presence. The Town Clerk serves as the custodian of Town records and official documents. He is responsible for the maintenance, preservation and disposition of all Town records. He is required by state law to ensure that Town records are readily available for public inspection.

Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics

The Town Clerk also acts as the Town Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics. He accepts for filing and maintains records of all births, deaths and marriages that occur in Easton. The Town Clerk is authorized to issue certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, and administers adoption and record-change depositions. There is no fee for filing a vital record; however there is a fee for obtaining a certified copy of a vital record. The fee is $20.00 for the first copy and $10.00 for each additional copy (if requested when obtaining first copy). Anyone may inspect vital records *(except out of wedlock birth records may be inspected only by those individuals named on the record)* for the cost of retrieval.

Marriage Licenses

The Town Clerk issues marriage licenses. Persons wishing to obtain a license must file their intentions with the Town Clerk in person (*except for in cases where one person is in the military or incarcerated*) at least three days before the ceremony. The cost of a License in Easton is **$50.00**. The license is valid for sixty days, and may be used for a ceremony conducted in any Massachusetts city or town. The member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace who performs the ceremony must sign the license and return it to the city or town where it was issued.

DBA Certificates

All fictitious name certificates for businesses (commonly known as "doing business as" or "DBA" certificates) are filed with the Town Clerk. The DBA files allow consumers to identify and locate the proprietor of a business which goes by a name other than that of the proprietor. The filing of the DBA certificate also serves notice that the filer claims exclusive use of the name contained in the certificate. Easton maintains a database of DBA information which includes records for the proceeding five years. Once filed a certificate is valid for four years. The fee for filing is **$50.00**.

Dog Licenses

All dog owners in the Town must obtain a license for their dog(s) by the 1st of January annually. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination which is valid as of the date of issuance. The fee for a dog license is **$10.00** for a spayed or neutered dog, **$15.00** otherwise. A Late Fee of **$5.00 per month** is added if the dog is not licensed by March 1st or within 60 days of obtaining the dog(s). Owners of unlicensed dogs are also subject to violation of Dog Control By-Law fees. If you have four or more dogs, you must obtain a kennel license from the Town Clerk. You also have to receive permission from the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals can be reached at (508) 230-3413.

Town Archivist & Records Manager

Easton is a Town with a long and rich history which is preserved in records contained in the Town Archives. State law requires the Archivist to establish records management procedures for the retention, storage and retrieval of Town administrative and legislative records, as well as respond to requests for public information. The Archivist is responsible for creating indices and employing technologies such as microfilm and microfiche which allow for prompt retrieval of materials in the Town's archival collection. The Archivist also must establish procedures to ensure the secure preservation of the records, such as a climate-controlled vault built and maintained in accordance with state standards.

VITAL STATISTICS

In 2015, The Town of Easton registered the following number of Vital events:

Births:	**164**
Deaths:	**198**
Marriages:	**78**

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

In 2014 the Office issued the following number of Licenses and permits:

Dog:	**1678**
Business Certificate:	**132**
Burial Permits:	**71**
Yard Sale:	**56**
Raffle:	**5**

VOTER REGISTRATION

In 2015 the office recorded the following:

New Voters:	**823**
Change of Registration:	**3615**
Deleted voters:	**483**

ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

Elections held in Easton in 2015 were as follows:

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION- APRIL 28, 2015

SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY- OCTOBER 6, 2015

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION- NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Town Meetings held in Easton in 2015 were as follows:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING- MAY 18, 2015
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING- NOVEMBER 16, 2015

RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 28TH TOWN ELECTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
DANIEL J. MURPHY	133	227	93	231	171	109	964
KEVIN G. MCINTYRE	118	281	100	216	148	122	985
DAVID R. MILLS	64	169	76	138	99	85	631
All Others	1	3	0	3	0	0	7
Blanks	70	148	47	152	130	82	629
Total	386	828	316	740	548	398	3216

MODERATOR (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
WALTER A. GALAS, JR.	64	182	61	133	88	81	609
EDWARD H. SHARKANSKY	114	188	86	224	156	102	870
All Others	1	3	0	0	0	1	5
Blanks	14	41	11	13	30	15	124
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
SCOTT J. TIMULTY	129	269	112	253	178	136	1077
All Others	0	3	1	2	0	0	6
Blanks	64	142	45	115	96	63	525
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

BOARD OF HEALTH (1 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
TODD M. GORNSTEIN	68	163	62	112	111	108	624
ELIZABETH REICHMAN	87	190	70	198	116	67	728
All Others	1	0	0	2	0	1	4
Blanks	37	61	26	58	47	23	252
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
LAURA P. ARBOLEDA	122	274	108	248	167	140	1059
All Others	1	3	0	3	0	0	7
Blanks	70	137	50	119	107	59	542
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

HOUSING AUTHORITY (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
KRISANNE SHEEDY	126	268	111	247	179	140	1071
All Others	3	5	1	2	0	1	12
Blanks	64	141	46	121	95	58	525
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
WILLIAM H. ANDERSON	113	278	111	229	164	137	1032
All Others	8	5	0	5	0	6	24
Blanks	72	131	47	136	110	56	552
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
MICHAEL V. MADONNA	68	164	61	130	74	72	569
JACQUELINE A. WEISMAN	99	204	76	196	173	100	848
All Others	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Blanks	26	45	21	43	27	27	189
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
BENJAMIN H. HAMPTON, III	99	223	84	194	135	103	838
GREGORY JOHN FRASER, SR.	95	199	86	182	125	96	783
COLLEEN CORONA	6	4		6	3	2	21
LAURA FOGEL				2	2		4
SHARYN KATZ		2			2		4
MICHAEL DUFFY	1						1
JEREMY KAY	1						1
JIM CREMINS	1			1			2
JONATHAN PIKE		1					1
RICK BORNSTEIN				1			1
LISA BORNSTEIN				1			1
ANDY ZOROFF				1			1
PATRICK GOODMAN				1			1
STEPHANIE KELLER				1	1	2	4
LAURA FOGEL				2	2		4
JASON PARKS				1			1
Blanks	376	813	304	717	552	394	3156
Total	579	1242	474	1110	822	597	4824

FINANCE COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
JASON L. PARKS	121	262	113	243	163	137	1039
All Others	2	4	0	5	2	2	15
Blanks	70	148	45	122	109	60	554
Total	193	414	158	370	274	199	1608

LOCAL TOWN ELECTION

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

JEREMY P GILLIS, MMC/CMMC TOWN CLERK

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, MMC/CMMC
TOWN CLERK

PRECINCT	ACTIVE VOTERS	INACTIVE VOTERS	TOTAL	VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE
Precinct 1	1323	156	1479	193	13%
Precinct 2	2698	199	2897	414	15%
Precinct 3	2493	214	2707	158	6%
Precinct 4	2625	191	2816	370	13%
Precinct 5	2696	165	2861	274	10%
Precinct 6	2538	208	2746	199	7%
TOTAL	14373	1133	15506	1608	10.30%

OCTOBER 6TH
SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	TOTAL
BLANKS	0	0	0
MICHAEL D. BRADY	36	58	94
JOSEPH LYNCH	6	6	12
WRITE-INS	0	0	0
TOTAL	42	64	106

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	TOTAL
BLANKS	0	0	0
WRITE INS	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	TOTAL
BLANKS	0	0	0
GEOFF DIEHL	20	35	55
WRITE-INS	0	0	0
TOTAL	20	35	55

CANDIDATE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	TOTAL
BLANKS	0	0	0
WRITE INS	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

PRECINCT	ACTIVE VOTERS	INACTIVE VOTERS	TOTAL	VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE
Precinct 1	1320	177	1497	62	4
Precinct 2	2649	276	2925	99	3
TOTAL	3969	453	4422	161	3.5

PRECINCT POLITICAL MAKEUP AS OF 9/15/2015	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	GREEN RAINBOW	UNITED INDEPENDENT	UNENROLLED	OTHER	TOTAL
Precinct 1	378	279	1	2	831	6	1497
Precinct 2	743	443	2	7	1722	8	2925
TOTAL	1121	722	3	9	2553	14	4422

NOVEMBER 3RD
SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

PRECINCT #	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
MICHAEL D. BRADY	127	270					397
GEOFF DIEHL	125	263					388
ANNA GRACE RADUC	3	6					9
WRITE-IN	0	0					0
BLANKS	0	0					0
TOTAL	255	541					796

PRECINCT	ACTIVE VOTERS	INACTIVE VOTERS	TOTAL	VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE
Precinct 1	1335	177	1512	255	16.8
Precinct 2	2665	275	2940	541	18.4
Precinct 3					
Precinct 4					
Precinct 5					
Precinct 6					
TOTAL	4000	452	4452	796	17.9

PRECINCT POLITICAL MAKEUP AS OF 06/05/2013	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	UNENROLLED	OTHER	TOTAL
Precinct 1	383	282	837	10	1512
Precinct 2	751	444	1726	19	2940
Precinct 3					
Precinct 4					
Precinct 5					
Precinct 6					
TOTAL	1134	726	2563	29	4452

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Tuesday, November 03, 2015
SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, MMC/CMMC
TOWN CLERK

WARRANT RESULTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 18, 2015

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	1
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Edward Sharkansky called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356.

ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

I move that the Town vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town.

Explanation: This is an annual vote to accept the Town Report.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P Gillis

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	2
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Board of Selectmen, each member	*$1,800*
Board of Health, each member	*$1,000*
Board of Assessors, each member	*$1,800*
Moderator	*$ 100*

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

I move that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	3
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES.*

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or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Alternate Motion if Consent Agenda is not approved:
I move that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	4
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 4. APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $732,291 to be expended in anticipation of the reimbursement authorized for the State's share of the cost of work to be done under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $732,291 to be expended in anticipation of the reimbursement authorized for the State's share of the cost of work to be done under Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Explanation: This is the Town's annual share of Chapter 90 funds provided by the State for road related improvements in the community.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	5
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 5. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2015 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $272,920 to supplement the following fiscal year 2015 budgets:

School Department		*$225,000*
Town Accountant		*600*
Information Technology	*6,320*	
Council on Aging	*16,000*	
Veterans		*5,000*
Other General Government		*10,000*
Solid Waste & Recycling	*10,000*	
TOTAL		*$272,920*

and further, that to meet this appropriation, $20,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2015 Employee Benefits & Insurance Budget, $8,121 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2015 Maturing Debt & Interest Budget, $6,494 shall be transferred from fiscal year 2014 unexpended encumbrances, $100,000 shall be transferred from Ames Funds, $19,254 shall be transferred from free cash, $100,666 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, $2,150 shall be transferred from the DPW Insurance Recovery account, $4,924 shall be transferred from surplus funds voted pursuant to Article 8 of the May 19, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and $1,311 shall be transferred from surplus funds voted pursuant to Article 5 of the November 17, 2014 Special Town Meeting and $10,000 shall be transferred from Solid Waste & Recycling Surplus.

Explanation: These budgets require additional funding to cover increased costs occurring during the fiscal year.

Explanation as Printed in the Warrant (for reference purposes): Several budgets will require additional funding. Anticipated amounts at this time are School Department $225,000 for SPED transportation and increased costs resulting from anew natural gas contract; Accounting $600 for overtime costs; Information Technology $6,320 for software upgrade and date migration; Council on Aging $16,000 to cover contractual sick leave buyback costs; Veterans $5,000 for additional veterans benefits; Other General Government $10,000 to cover additional postage costs and an increase in the Bristol County Agricultural School assessment. Fire and Ambulance will also require additional funding for the costs of a new collective bargaining contract which shall be sought in Article 7 of this warrant.

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY
Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P Gillis

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	6
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 6. FUND SICK LEAVE BUYBACK REQUESTS AS REQUIRED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $17,090 to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract and that to meet this appropriation, $8,600 shall be transferred from surplus funds voted pursuant to Article 17 of the May 20, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and $8,490 shall be transferred from free cash.

Explanation: This article will fund the buyback of accumulated sick time for a member of the police union who has opted to purchase time in fiscal 2015 at current rates as opposed to retirement at higher rates as allowed by contract.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	7
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 7. APPROVE FUNDING FOR FIRE UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the and LOCAL 2790, I.A.F.F., such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $260,000 for the purpose of funding the economic items, in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Local 2790 International Association of Fire Fighters, for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 and that to meet this appropriation, $130,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2015 Employee Benefits & Insurance Budget, $45,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2015 Reserve Fund, $61,879 be transferred from the fiscal year 2015 Maturing Debt & Interest Budget, $9,121 be transferred from available FEMA funds, $10,000 shall be transferred from the Hazmat Revolving Fund and $4,000 be transferred from the Fire Revolving Fund to fund the fiscal 2014 portion of $60,000 and the fiscal 2015 portion of $200,000, said portion to supplement the FY2015 Fire Department operating budget in the amount of $186,000 and the FY2015 Ambulance operating budget in the amount of $14,000.

Explanation: This article will fund the cost items of a new collective bargaining agreement with the fire union for fiscal 2014 and 2015. The agreement covers the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 with a 0% cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2013, 2% for fiscal year 2014 and 3% for fiscal year 2015, plus a 1% adjustment on June 30, 2015.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation:
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	8
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 8. FY 2016 OPERATING BUDGET
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of funds to defray the Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for the same as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	AMOUNT
01.120	SELECTMEN	$ 361,021
01.131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,500
01.132	RESERVE FUND	60,000
01.135	ACCOUNTANT	215,975
01.140	ASSESSORS	244,076
01.145	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	346,736
01.150	TOWN COUNSEL	135,000
01.155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	209,414
01.160	TOWN CLERK	212,439
01.175	PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	268,971
01.210	POLICE	4,016,737
01.211	PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH	578,887
01.220	FIRE	3,356,754
01.231	AMBULANCE	554,801
01.240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	319,070
01.310	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	706,492
01.400	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,904,255
01.500	HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES	885,573
01.610	LIBRARY	520,981
01.700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	4,882,905
01.910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	12,261,138
01.920	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	92,900
60.440	SEWER DEPARTMENT	350,000
61.450	WATER DIVISION	2,340,656
62.430	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	1,019,000
01.300	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	38,157,137
	TOTAL FY 2016 BUDGET	$ 75,002,418

Submitted by Town Administrator

Motion: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $75,002,418 of which $68,649,046 shall be raised by taxation, $1,200,000 shall be transferred from free cash, $797,278 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, $6,025 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $69,492 shall be transferred from the Septic Betterments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, $13,168 shall be transferred from the Wetlands Protection Fund, $10,000 shall be transferred from Stonehill College Gift Funds, $2,888,409 shall be transferred from water receipts, $350,000 shall be transferred from sewer receipts and $1,019,000 shall be transferred from solid waste & recycling user fees all to meet the Town charges, including the salaries of several elected and appointed officers of the Town for fiscal year 2016 as printed in the warrant.
Vote Required: ***TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY***
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	9
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 9. REPORT AND FY 2016 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

Purpose	***Recommended Amount***
Appropriations	
Administrative Expenses	$ 61,815
Debt Service	$397,778
Reserves	
Annual Budgeted Reserve	$776,707

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, community preservation projects, the payment of debt service and other expenses in fiscal year 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, all as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article proposes the fiscal year 2016 budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Recommended amounts to be funded shall be considered separate appropriations.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	10
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 10. CPA FUNDING – EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate up to $66,589 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding affordable housing preservation in the form of roof replacement at the Elise Circle elderly housing development, located at Elise Circle and listed on Assessors Map 22U as Lot 131, and at three family housing properties located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue (listed on Assessors Map 10R as Lot 28), 28 Barrows Street (listed on Assessors Map 16U as Lot 88), and 50 Day Street (listed on Assessors Map 16U as Lot 58), all owned by the Easton Housing Authority, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of $66,589 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding affordable housing preservation in the form of roof replacement at the Elise Circle elderly housing development, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: These properties provide affordable housing to moderate- and lower-income Easton residents. These units, managed by the Easton Housing Authority, count towards the State's 10% affordable housing goal for municipalities. This grant will provide funding for roof replacement to preserve these affordable units.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	11
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 11. CPA FUNDING – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FY16 PROGRAMS

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $140,000 from available Community Preservation Funds to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $140,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Explanation: This article would fund the Affordable Housing Trust's activities for FY 2016. The Trust works to implement the Affordable Housing Action Plan which provides resources and affordable housing options to low and moderate income residents. FY2016 activities will include funding of the Homebuyer Assistance Program, a Small Development initiative, planning and administration.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	12
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	FULGINITI
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY* ***ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 12. CPA FUNDING – QUESET GARDENS BLUESTONE STAIRS RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $8,125 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of restoring the deteriorated bluestone stairs at Queset Gardens, located at 8 Theater Way and 12 Theater Way and listed on Assessors Map 16U as Lot 160 and Lot 161, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $8,125 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of restoring the deteriorated bluestone stairs at Queset Gardens, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article would fund a portion of the restoration of the deteriorated bluestone stairs at Queset Gardens, which is a historic resource.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	13
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 13. CPA FUNDING – QUESET HOUSE FIRE PROTECTION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate up to $80,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of installing a fire sprinkler protection system at Queset House, located at 51 Main Street and listed on Assessors Map 16U as Lot 4, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a permanent historic preservation restriction on said property pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B and MGL Chapter 184, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $80,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of installing a fire sprinkler protection system at Queset House, located at 51 Main Street and listed on Assessors Map 16U as Lot 4, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a permanent historic preservation restriction on said property pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B and MGL Chapter 184.

Explanation: This article would fund a portion of the installation of a fire sprinkler protection system at Queset House and authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on the property.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	14
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE14 . CPA FUNDING – PINE GROVE CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate up to $10,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding survey and planning work at the Town-owned historic Pine Grove Cemetery, located at 5 Morse Road in South Easton and listed on Assessors Map 53U as Lot 10, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $10,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding survey and planning work at the Town-owned historic Pine Grove Cemetery, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Massachusetts General Law requires each municipality to provide a suitable place for burials. This article would fund survey and planning work at the historic Pine Grove Cemetery, acquired by the Town in 2011, which will aid in further identification and restoration of historic grave markers and facilitate the creation of new grave sites, some of which will be reserved as publicly provided burial sites for Easton residents who may not have access to a private grave site.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	15
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 15. CPA FUNDING – OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL EMERGENCY REPAIRS

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate up to $119,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of making emergency repairs to Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, located at 3 Barrows Street and listed on Assessors Map 16U as Lot 9, including roof and flashing repair, window restoration, and staircase and tower repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectmen: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $119,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of making emergency repairs to Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article would fund emergency repairs to the historic Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, including restoration of roof and flashing repair, restoration of deteriorated windows and staircase repairs. These emergency repairs are recommended in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the Hall approved at the November, 2014 Town Meeting.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	16
MOTIONED BY:	MCINTYRE
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 16. CPA FUNDING – TOWN HALL MASONRY RESTORATION PHASE II

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $430,055 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding continuing masonry restoration work at the Easton Town Offices, located at 136 Elm Street and listed as Assessors Map U12 as Lot 20, or take any other action relative thereto .

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: McIntyre

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $430,055 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding continuing masonry restoration work at the Easton Town Offices, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Constructed in 1912 as the Wayside Estate, this historic building was acquired by the Town as Easton's Town Offices in 1960, with limited exterior masonry repairs done since that time. Town Meeting approved a total of $299,800 ($120,900 in 2012 and $178,900 in 2013) to fund exterior masonry, elevation and chimney repairs. The first phase of the project included a detailed analysis of the building's condition, which identified significant additional required building needs, as well as restoration of the highest priority items identified. Requested funds will fund a second phase of identified comprehensive restoration of the exterior masonry walls, chimneys, window wells, and other associated exterior elements.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	17
MOTIONED BY:	MCINTYRE
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 17. FY 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $2,310,000 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

ESCO Project Owners Agent	*$ 75,000*
Water – Replace Vehicle #120	*35,000*
Water – Well #4 Replacement	*2,200,000*
	$ 2,310,000

Submitted by Town Administrator

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $2,310,000 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2016 as listed in the warrant under Article 17, and that to meet this appropriation, $40,000 shall be transferred from surplus funds voted pursuant to Article 5 of the November 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting, $24,945 shall be transferred from Smart Growth Incentive Funds received from the State, $10,055 shall be transferred from free cash, $35,000 shall be transferred from water surplus, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $2,200,000 for the replacement of Well #4 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out these projects on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This is the annual capital budget for the Town. Funding sources are borrowing and available funds. Additional capital items will be funded at a fall town meeting when supplementary funding becomes available.

Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	18
MOTIONED BY:	MCINTYRE
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 18. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind $62,343 of the borrowing authorized under Article 60 of the April 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting, adjourned to May 11, 1998, said funding originally appropriated for the purpose of financing water pollution abatement facility projects, but no longer needed as the projects are completed, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: McIntyre

Motion: I move that the Town vote to rescind $62,343 of the borrowing authorized under article 60 of the April 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting, adjourned to May 11, 1998, said funding originally appropriated for the purpose of funding water pollution abatement facility projects, but no longer needed as the projects are completed.

Explanation: This is the remaining authorization on one of the original septic loan programs from 1998 administered through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust. The balance is no longer available for borrowing as the amounts that were used have been permanently financed and newer authorizations are now in place. This "housekeeping" article will remove the remaining authorization which would otherwise remain on the books indefinitely.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	19
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 19. MODIFICATION TO TUFTS FARM MAINTENANCE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to seek Special Legislation to amend Chapter 109 of the Acts, as approved by the Massachusetts legislature, under which the Tufts Farm Maintenance Fund was established pursuant to a vote of the Easton Annual Town Meeting, May 18, 2009, Article 31, by amending Section 2 thereof, as follows:

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Easton may establish the Tufts Farm Maintenance Fund to receive and expend funds, without further appropriation, to operate, maintain, manage and improve Tufts Farm at the direction of the town conservation commission under section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws.

To:

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Easton may establish the Tufts Farm Maintenance Fund to receive and expend funds, without further appropriation, to operate, maintain, manage and improve Tufts Farm and any other conservation land under the care, custody and control of the town conservation commission at the direction of the town conservation commission under section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to seek Special Legislation to amend Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2009, as approved by the Massachusetts legislature, under which the Tufts Farm Maintenance Fund was established pursuant to a vote of the Easton Annual Town Meeting, May 18, 2009, Article 31, by amending Section 2 thereof, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: The Tufts Farm Maintenance Fund was established in conjunction with the tenancy lease of the property at Tufts Farm, a conservation property under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission. The fund has grown to an amount greater than that necessary to cover costs of regular maintenance of the single-family dwelling located at the property. The Commission would like the excess funds to be available for the management of other conservation properties under the Commission's care.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

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ARTICLE #:	20
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 20. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO ACQUIRE WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR QUESET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer of available funds, the sum of not more than $3,070,000 to acquire 50,000 gallons per day of wastewater treatment capacity from Douglas A. King Builders' Queset Commons Water Pollution Control Facility to serve the Town of Easton; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $3,070,000 to acquire 50,000 gallons per day of wastewater treatment capacity from Douglas A. King Builders' Queset Commons Water Pollution Control Facility to serve the Town of Easton; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $3,070,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; that the Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants or other aid available for the project or for the financing thereof to help reduce the local share impacts of the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take any other action necessary to carry out this project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This article is requesting authorization to provide a capital appropriation for acquiring wastewater treatment flow capacity from the existing private Water Pollution Control Facility associated with the Queset Commons development, located adjacent to the Queset Commercial District. The Queset Commercial District has been identified as a "Wastewater Needs Area" in the Town of Easton Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and the purchase of this capacity is detailed in Exhibit J of the Development Agreement executed between the Town of Easton and Douglas A. King Builders Inc. on August 26, 2013. Besides granting the Selectmen the authority to borrow under Massachusetts municipal finance statutes, the article give the Board of Selectmen authority to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants and/or funds from the proceeds of any federal and/or state low interest loan programs for the purpose of financing and/or reducing the local share impact of the purchase of wastewater treatment capacity.

Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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ARTICLE #:	21
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 21. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO DESIGN, PERMIT AND CONSTRUCT SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN THE QUESET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer of available funds, the sum of $2,790,000 for the design, permitting and construction of the Queset Commercial District Wastewater Collection system and appurtenances including any and all pumping stations and treatment works; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $2,790,000 for the design, permitting and construction of the Queset Commercial District Wastewater Collection system and appurtenances including any and all pumping stations and treatment works, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $2,790,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan; that the Selectmen are authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection; that the Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants or other aid available for the project or for the financing thereof to help reduce the local share impacts of the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take any other action necessary to carry out this project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This article is requesting authorization to provide a capital appropriation for permitting, design and construction of a wastewater collection system to serve the Queset Commercial District. Besides granting the Selectmen the authority to borrow under Massachusetts municipal finance statutes, the article gives the Board of Selectmen authority to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants and/or funds from the proceeds of any federal and/or state low interest loan programs for the purpose of financing and/or reducing the local share impact of constructing these sewers.

Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED <u>UNANIMOUS</u> VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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ARTICLE #:	22
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 22. APPROVAL OF FUNDING THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer, borrowing or otherwise, from available funds, a sum of money to meet its obligations under the Intermunicipal Agreement between the town of Easton and the Town of Mansfield, for the purpose of the construction, operation and maintenance of a wastewater system including the transmission and treatment of wastewater from Easton to and through Mansfield, such agreement to be effective May, 2015 through 2040 as more fully set forth in the Draft Agreement and which is on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $8,300,000 to meet its obligations under the Intermunicipal Agreement between the town of Easton and the Town of Mansfield, for the purpose of the construction, operation and maintenance of a wastewater system including the transmission and treatment of wastewater from Easton to and through Mansfield, such agreement to be effective May, 2015 through 2040 as more fully set forth in the Draft Agreement and which is on file with the Town Clerk; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $8,300,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; that the Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants or other aid available for the project or for the financing thereof to help reduce the local share impacts of the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take any other action necessary to carry out this project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This article is requesting authorization to provide a capital appropriation for acquiring wastewater treatment flow capacity from the Town of Mansfield associated with the Tri-Town Mansfield/ Foxborough / Norton regional wastewater treatment facility, located in the Town of Norton. The Five Comers Area has been identified as a "Wastewater Needs Area" in the Town of Easton Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Besides granting the Selectmen the authority to borrow under Massachusetts municipal finance statutes, the article gives the Board of Selectmen authority to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants and/or funds from the proceeds of any federal and/or state low interest loan programs for the purpose of financing and/or reducing the local share impact of the purchase of wastewater treatment capacity.

Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	23
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 23. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO DESIGN AND PERMIT SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES IN THE FIVE CORNERS DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer of available funds, the sum of $1,300,000 for the design and permitting the Five Corners Commercial District Wastewater Collection system and appurtenances including any and all pumping stations and treatment works; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,300,000 for design and permitting of the Five Corners Commercial District Wastewater Collection system and appurtenances including any and all pumping stations and treatment works; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $1,300,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority; that the Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants or other aid available for the project or for the financing thereof to help reduce the local share impacts of the project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take any other action necessary to carry out this project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This article is requesting authorization to provide a capital appropriation for permitting, design and construction of a wastewater collection system to serve the Five Corners District. Besides granting the Selectmen the authority to borrow under Massachusetts municipal finance statutes, the article give the Board of Selectmen authority to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants and/or funds from the proceeds of any federal and/or state low interest loan programs for the purpose of financing and/or reducing the local share impact of the design, permitting and construction of these sewers.

Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	24
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 24. ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 13B OF MGL CHAPTER 80

To see if the Town will vote to accept the terms of §13B of MGL Chapter 80, to allow the Town to enter into deferral and recovery agreements with property owners having been assessed a betterment who qualify for exemption under clause 41A of §5 of MGL Chapter 59 or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the terms of §13B of MGL Chapter 80, to allow the Town to enter into deferral and recovery agreements with property owners having been assessed a betterment who qualify for exemption under clause 41A of §5 of MGL Chapter 59.

Explanation: This article will allow the Town to enter into deferral and recovery agreements with property owners who have been assessed a betterment for public infrastructure construction. Acceptance of this provision will allow such owners who meet the requirements established under clause 41A of §5 of MGL Chapter 59 for a property tax hardship deferral to apply for such a deferral of their betterment assessment.

Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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ARTICLE #:	25
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 25. ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT/SCHOOL ROOF

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease agreement, for the placement of solar facilities on the roof of the Oliver Ames High School located at 100 Lothrop Street, Easton, MA and the Easton Middle School located at 98 Columbus Ave, Easton, MA for a term of up to twenty years on terms it determines is in the best interest of the School Department and to do so in coordination with the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move to authorize the School Committee to enter into a lease agreement for placement of solar facilities on the roof of the Oliver Ames High School, as described and printed into the warrant.

Explanation: The Town of Easton has been in negotiations with Ameresco to site solar panels on the roof of the High School and Middle School as part of a power purchase/net metering agreement. Town Meeting previously authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for power purchase/net metering and this article gives the School Committee authority to enter into a lease agreement for the placement of solar panels on the school roofs.

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	26
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY* *ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 26. ZONING AMENDMENT: QUESET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 19, 2014, by making the following changes thereto:

Item 1. At the end of Section 3-1, add the following new entry:

Queset Commercial District - QCD

Item 2. In Section 2- add the following definition of mixed-use:

A development that includes primary non-residential and primary residential uses on the same site.

Item 3. Add the following new Section 7-21:

SECTION 7-21: QUESET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (QCD)

A. PURPOSE

The Quest Commercial District (QCD) has been established to promote and regulate development in the emerging commercial corridor on Washington Street (Route 138) from its intersection with Route 123 on the north (Belmont Street) to Depot Street on the south. The availability of sewer capacity from the nearby Queset Commons Chapter 40R project is expected to spur interest in and development of this area. The other purposes of the QCD are to:

1. *Promote public health, safety, and welfare by encouraging smart development of commercial properties;*
2. *Preserve municipal character while enhancing economic opportunity;*
3. *Establish requirements, standards, and guidelines that will ensure predictable, fair and cost-effective development review and permitting; and*
4. *Establish development standards to allow context-sensitive design and creative site planning.*

B. SUBDISTRICTS

In order to improve the public realm, create a more desirable and attractive district, and provide incentives for economic development or redevelopment, the QCD has been divided into three (3) subdistricts as shown on the QCD Map dated April 15, 2015:

Subdistrict A *is the most advantageous location to add potential additional sewer capacity, and has other market draws such as access to Route 24 and proximity to Stonehill College.*

Subdistrict B *is intended to be the connection between Subdistricts A and C and includes smaller,*

centrally-located parcels.

Subdistrict C *is intended to have higher densities than Subdistrict B as it is the other main entrance to the district.*

C. MAP

The location and boundaries of the QCD and its subdistricts are shown on the Map entitled "Queset Commercial District," prepared by RKG Associates Inc., dated April 15, 2015. The QCD Map is hereby made a part of the Zoning By-Law. Copies of the QCD Map are available in the office of the Planning & Zoning Board and the Town Clerk.

D. SITE PLAN APPROVAL REQUIRED

All new development or redevelopment of commercial buildings in the Queset Commercial District shall be subject to site plan approval, pursuant to Section 7-10, herein. In addition to the Criteria for Evaluation set forth in Section 7-10.B.3, the criteria set forth in Section 7.6 of the "Administrative Rules and Regulations" of the Easton Planning & Zoning Board shall apply.

E. DESIGN STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

The Planning and Zoning Board is hereby authorized to reasonably regulate building design, including, but not limited to, the following aspects: building facades and materials; architectural elements; building height and roof lines; building height transition planes; entrances to the street; use of glass; relation to pedestrian scale.

F. DESIGN STANDARDS FOR LANDSCAPING AND SITE DEVELOPMENT

The Planning and Zoning Board is hereby authorized to reasonably regulate landscaping and site development, including, but not limited to, the following aspects: location of accessory receptacle or structure; composition of landscaping irrigation; type and number of required plantings; required open space; sidewalks; crosswalks; street lights and poles.

G. DESIGN STANDARDS FOR LIGHTING AND UTILITIES

The Planning and Zoning Board is hereby authorized to reasonably regulate lighting and utilities, including but not limited to, the following aspects: Type, arrangement, and shielding of lighting; reduction of glare and overspill onto adjacent properties and into the night sky; underground wiring.

H. DESIGN STANDARDS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

The Planning and Zoning Board is hereby authorized to reasonably regulate off-street parking and loading, including, but not limited to, the following aspects: number and location of curb cuts and common driveways; location of parking and loading facilities; design, surface treatment, lighting, and other requirements; interior landscaping for parking areas; shared parking; sidewalks and pedestrian paths; car stops; bicycle parking facilities.

I. WAIVER OF DESIGN STANDARDS

The Planning & Zoning Board may waive any dimensional requirement (except building height) and design standard set forth in this Section 7-21 or its "Administrative Rules and Regulations" of the Easton Planning & Zoning Board upon a determination that such waiver is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the intent and purpose of this Section 7-20.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws relating to the Queset Commercial District, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article establishes a new zoning district within the Zoning Bylaw. The intent of the Queset Commercial District is to encourage economic development within the Washington Street/Route 138 corridor between Belmont and Depot Streets. The district includes three subdistricts, each designed to encourage development that takes advantage of potential public sewer infrastructure improvements, while preserving and enhancing Easton's unique character in this area.

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

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Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***
Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***
Planning Board Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED <u>UNANIMOUS</u> VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Jeremy P Gillis

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	27
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Edward Sharkansky called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356:

ARTICLE 27. ZONING AMENDMENT: DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS (Section 6-3)

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 19, 2014, by inserting the text shown in *italics*:

Section VI. Dimensional and Density Regulations

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No building or structure shall be built or shall any existing building or structure be enlarged except in conformance with the regulations of the Easton Zoning By-law as to lot coverage, lot area per dwelling unit, lot width, front, side and rear yards, and maximum height of structures, in the districts as set forth below except as may otherwise be provided elsewhere in the Easton Zoning By-law.

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Except in the Queset Commercial District, if more than one building (other than a one, two or three-car garage, a tool-shed, a greenhouse or a cabana) may lawfully be placed on any lot in single or common ownership, the distance between the nearest parts of such buildings shall be not less than forty (40) feet.

6-3 DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS TABLE

Zoning District	**Min. Lot Size in Sq. Ft.**	**Continuous Min. Lot Frontage in Lin. Ft. (2)**	**Min. Yard Depth in Feet (2)**			**Min. Lot Depth in Ft.**	**Max. Bldg. Hgt. in Ft. (3)**	**Max. % of Lot Coverage by Structure**	*Minimum Open Space % Lot Area*[17]	**Max. # of Stories Above Grade (5)**	*Building Placement % Frontage Minimum*	*Building Placement % Frontage Maximum*
			Front (10)	**Rear**	**Side**							
Residential-R	40,000	150	25	20	15	100	25 (15)	20		3		
Residential 1 - R1 (11)	40,000	150	25	20	15	100	25 (15)	20		3		
Business - B	40,000	150	50 16	40	25	125	45	25		3		
Business Neighborhood BN	40,000	150	50	20	25	125	35	25		3		
Industry - I (9)	40,000	150	50	40	25	160	50	25		3		
Eleemosynary E	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)		(8)		
Flood Plain - F	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		(1)		
Municipal or Open Space - M	(7)	(7)	50	40	25	125	(7)	(7)		(7)		
Queset A	*40,000*	*150*	*30*	*25*	*25*		*45*[18]	*N/A*	*20%*	*3*[18]	*60%*	*90%*

Zoning District	Min. Lot Size in Sq. Ft.	Continuous Min. Lot Frontage in Lin. Ft. (2)	Min. Yard Depth in Feet (2)			Min. Lot Depth in Ft.	Max. Bldg. Hgt. in Ft. (3)	Max. % of Lot Coverage by Structure	*Minimum Open Space % Lot Area*[17]	Max. # of Stories Above Grade (5)	*Building Placement % Frontage Minimum*	*Building Placement % Frontage Maximum*
			Front (10)	Rear	Side							
Queset B	*25,000*[19]	*125*	*25*	*20*	*25*		*45*	*N/A*	*10%*	*3*	*50%*	*75%*
Queset C	*40,000*	*150*	*30*	*20*	*25*		*45*	*N/A*	*15%*	*3*	*60%*	*80%*

Apartments 3 Note 6	60,000	250	75	40	25	160	40	25
Motel	60,000	250	75	50	50	160	35	25

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These are notes for apartments and motels and are not to be construed as separate zones.

(1) Restrictive Use.

(2) On lots abutting streets on more than one side, the front yard requirements shall apply to each of the abutting streets.

(3) These height restrictions shall not apply to chimneys, water towers, skylights and other necessary features appurtenant to buildings which are usually carried above roofs and are not used for human occupancy.

(4) Deleted in its entirety at Adjourned Annual Town Meeting April 9, 1985.

(5) This restriction does not apply to above-ground swimming pools.

(6) Apartments--See Section VII for requirements.

(7) No restriction.

(8) Permit from the Planning & Zoning Board.

(9) No industry which produces dust, fumes, smoke, odors, noise, or pollutants of any type shall in the future be constructed or placed on a parcel of land in the industrial zone within five hundred (500) feet of any church, school or dwelling, existing or in the process of being erected at the time of adoption of this by-law.

(10) Where present buildings on adjoining lots are less than twenty-five (25) feet from the front lot lines, new buildings may be placed as near the way as the average of the buildings on said adjoining lots. A vacant lot shall, for this purpose, be treated as so occupied by a building set back twenty-five (25) feet.

(11) Deleted Special Town Meeting 1/23/95

(12) Continuous minimum Lot Width shall require that each RESIDENTIAL LOT shall have 150 feet of frontage width, and at least 100 feet of horizontal distance between the side lot lines at the minimum front yard depth of 100 feet for residential lots.

(13) Continuous minimum Lot Width shall require that each BUSINESS LOT shall have 150 feet of frontage width, and at least 100 feet of horizontal distance between the side lot lines at the minimum front yard depth of 125 feet for business lots.

(14) Continuous minimum Lot Width shall require that each INDUSTRIAL LOT shall have 150 feet of frontage width, and at least 100 feet of horizontal distance between the side lot lines at the minimum.

(15) Height

- One (1) foot may be added to the Maximum Building Height for each additional foot by which (i) the front setback exceeds the minimum front setback distance) or (ii) the narrower side setback exceeds the minimum

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side setback distance, whichever of these two distances is the smallest; provided the height shall not in any case exceed thirty-five (35) feet.

- In situations where a building is allowed to be closer to a property line one (1) foot shall be deducted from the Maximum Allowable Building Height for each foot by which (i) the front setback is less than the minimum front setback distance or (ii) the narrower side setback is less than the minimum side setback distance, whichever of these two distances is the greatest. This reduction in Maximum Height shall apply only to the portions of the building that occupy the space between the property line and the corresponding setback line.

In instances where a building has a walk out basement located on the rear wall the grade plane shall be calculated using the mean grade from all front and side walls.

(16) Minimum front yard depth of less than 50 feet may be granted via Special Permit by the Planning and Zoning Board. Waivers of this minimum requirement will only be granted when the applicant demonstrates the proposed front yard depth is consistent with good and consistent planning practices; closely matches the setbacks of the surrounding area and will not have a negative impact on adjacent properties.

(17) At least 50% of the open space shall be landscaped open space in front of or beside the principal building on the lot, visible from the public way. In Queset A, pedestrian plaza or other pedestrian amenities located in front of the building may be counted toward the minimum open space requirement, subject to approval by the Planning Board.

(18) In Queset A up to 4 stories and/or 60' may be allowed through design review. The façade length of any 4th story is limited to 60% of the ground floor façade length.

(19) With shared access and shared parking; otherwise, 40,000 sq.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws relating to the Dimensional and Density Regulations applying to the Queset Commercial District, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article modifies the Dimensional and Density Regulations table of the Easton Zoning Bylaw to include the Queset Commercial District.

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Planning Board Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	28
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES.*

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Edward Sharkansky called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356:

ARTICLE 28 . ZONING AMENDMENT: TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, §5-3

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 19, 2014, deleting the text shown with a strikethrough, and inserting the text shown in *italics*::

Section V. Use Regulations

5-3 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

R - Residential, R1 - Residential 1, B - Business, BN - Business Neighborhood, I - Industrial, E - Eleemosynary, F - Flood Plain, and M - Municipal or Open Space. SP (ZBA) – Special Permit/Zoning Board of Appeals, SP (PZB) – Special Permit/Planning & Zoning Board, *Queset Commercial District (QCD) with Sub-districts A, B, C*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
PRINCIPAL USES									
A. Residential Uses									
1. Detached dwelling on a separate lot occupied by not more than one family	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
2. One 2-family or one duplex dwelling on a separate lot	SP PZB	SP PZB	SP PZB	N	N	N	SP PZB	N	*B*
4. Apartments (See Sec. VII)	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP	N	*N*
~~5. and 6. deleted Special Town Meeting 1/23/95~~									
5. Motels (See Section VII)	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
6. Renting of rooms in an existing dwelling in excess of three (3. persons	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
7. Conversion of an existing dwelling to accommodate not more than two families	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*B*
8. Manufactured Home	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*N*
9. Manufactured home or manufactured home subdivision	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*N*
10. Mixed Use[2]	N	N	Y[3]	N	N	N	N	N	*SP-A/C (PZB)*
B. Institutional, Recreational, and Educational Uses									

[1] Under Queset Commercial (QCD), letter designations A, B, or C refer to the subdistricts. Where Y appears the use is permitted anywhere in the QCD.

[2] Provided that in the Queset Commercial District, mixed-use development shall be permitted only if at least 2/3 of the total gross floor area in the project is used for Office, Retail or Restaurant Uses permitted under Subsections D and E of Section 5.3.

[3] In a single building and subject to Section 7-2.

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
1. Place of Worship	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
2. Religious, sectarian, non-sectarian, denominational, private or public school or other educational facility (see paragraph 7-12)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
3. Cemeteries	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	*N*
4. Recreation facility owned or operated by an agency of Town or other government	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	*B/C*
5. Public Utilities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
6. Private nonprofit libraries or museums	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y	*A/C*
7. Private nonprofit community center building, settlement house, adult education center or other similar facility provided indoor or outdoor noisy activities shall be not less than 50 ft. from any lot line and shall not be detrimental to the neighborhood by reason of noise in any season	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	*A*
8. Hospital, infirmary, nursing home, convalescent home, elderly retirement facility and/or elderly congregate housing	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	N	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y	*B/C*
9. Day nursery, nursery, school, kindergarten, or other agency giving day care to children, provided any outdoor play area is screened by fence, wall, or planting line and from any neigh- boring residential structure and is not detrimental to the neighborhood by reason of noise	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
10. Trade, professional, or other school conducted as a private business for gain	N	N	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y	SP	N	*B/C*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
11. Fraternal, nonprofit membership club or lodge	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	N	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	*B/C*
12. Country, golf, swimming, tennis, fitness center, or other recreational facility	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	*Y*
13. Entertainment and recreational facilities operated as a business for gain, including but not limited to bowling alley, theater, or sports arena, provided such use is housed indoors in sound-insulated structure protecting neighborhood from inappropriate noise in any season	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
14. All Town and municipal uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
C. Agricultural Uses									
1. Farming - agricultural, orchard, horticultural, or silvicultural, *on five or more acres of land*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
2. Farming – *on less than five or more acres of land, may include* livestock or poultry but not swine, provided that any building housing livestock or poultry be not less than 50 ft. from the property boundary	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
3. One roadside stand per farm for sale of agricultural products, the major portion of which are grown or produced on the premises; permitted if on five or more acres of land.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
4. Farmers market	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (PZB)	*Y*
D. Office and Laboratory									
1. Business, financial, and professional use	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
2. Offices and clinics for medical, psychiatric, or other health services for examination or treatment of persons as outpatients, including only laboratories that are part of such office or clinic	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
3. Lab or research facility	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
4. Commercial or educational radio or television studio	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
E. Retail Business and Consumer Service Establishments									
1. Store for retail sale of merchandise, provided all display, storage, and sale of materials are conducted within a building and provided there be no manufacturing or assembly on the premises	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
2. Eating places serving food and beverages to be consumed within the building	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*[4]
3. Bakery, deli, ice cream shop, or similar establishment where food is prepared and sold at retail on the premises for consumption elsewhere, but not including drive-through or drive-up service.	N	N	*Y*	*Y*	N	N	N	N	*Y*
4. Drive-in, open-air restaurant, outside dining facility, or other establishment providing food and beverages with no live or mechanical entertainment	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*SP-B (PZB)*

[4] *In the Queset A Subdistrict: (a) a restaurant may also provide food service on a patio or an outdoor seating area directly adjacent to the building; (b) drive-through service is prohibited.*

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
5. Space for manufacturing, assembly, or packaging of consumer goods, provided that at least 50% of such merchandise is sold at retail on premises and that all display, sales, and storage is conducted within building and further provided that not more than 25% of floor area is de- voted to manufacturing, assembly, or packaging of consumer goods and not more than 5 persons are employed at any one time for manufacturing, assembly, or packaging of such goods	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*B/C*
6. Service businesses serving local needs, such as barber shops, beauty shops, shoe repair, self- service laundry, or dry cleaning or pick-up agency	N	N	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
7. Hand laundry, dry cleaning, or tailoring, or other similar uses, provided personnel is limited to not more than six (6) persons at any one time on the premises	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*B/C*
8. Mortuary, undertaking, or funeral establishment	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*B*
9. Veterinary establishment, provided that animals are kept indoors	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*B/C*
10. Store for retail sale of merchandise such as but not limited to lumber yards and building sup- ply yards wherein merchandise is stored in the open, provided that all merchandise is screened from ground level view from any abutting street or abutting property where such materials are stores	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
11. Planned Business Development	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
F. Automotive Service and Open Air Drive-in Retail Service									
1. Gasoline service station	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	***C-SP*** *(ZBA)*
2. Sale or rental of auto- mobiles, boats, and other motor vehicles and accessory storage con- ducted partly or wholly within an enclosed sound-insulated structure to protect the neighborhood from inappropriate noise and other disturbing effects such as but not limited to flashing, fumes, gases, smoke, and vapors	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	***B/C***
3. Automobile repair shops, provided all work is carried out within the building	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	***B***
4. Car washing establishments	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	***C-SP*** *(ZBA)*
5. Truck and heavy equipment repair shops pro- vided all work is carried out within the building	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	***N***
6. Sales places for flowers, garden supplies, agricultural produce partly or wholly outdoors, including commercial green- houses	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	***Y***
7. Outdoor sports facility conducted for profit such as golf course, country clubs, tennis club	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	***N***
8.Place for exhibition, lettering, or sale of grave- stones	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	***B***
G. Industrial, Wholesale, and Transportation Uses									

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	*QCD*[1]
1.Laundries and dry cleaning plant	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
2.Printing, binding, publishing and related arts and trade	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
3.Bottling of beverages	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
4.Plumbing, electrical, or carpentry shop or other similar service or repair establishment	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
5. Place for manufacturing, assembling, or packaging of goods, provided that all resulting cinders, dust, flashing, fumes, gases, odors, refuse matter, smoke and vapor be effectively confined to the premises or be disposed of in a manner that does not create a nuisance or hazard to safety or health	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
6. Wholesale business and storage in a roofed structure	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
7. Trucking and freight terminals	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
8. Planned Industrial Development	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*N*
H. Other Principal Uses									
1. Extractive industries, manufacture, distribution or sale of explosives, or any trade, industry or other use that is noxious or hazardous by reason of vibration or dust, gas, fumes, smoke, cinders, flashing, or excessively bright lights, refuse matter or electro- magnetic radiation	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*N*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	*QCD*[1]
2. Open-lot storage including storage in trailers and semitrailers	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*N*
3. Any use hazardous to health because of danger of flooding, inadequacy of drainage or inaccessibility of drainage or in- accessibility to firefighting apparatus or other protective service	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*N*
4. Junk yard, sales of junk, or salvaged materials	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	*N*
5. Heliport, helistop	N	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	*N*
6. Dog Kennel	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	*N*
7. Trailer for business use	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	*N*
8. Communications Tower and Wireless Communications Facility	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	*N*
I. Accessory Uses									
1. Private greenhouse, stable, tennis court, swimming pool, or other similar building or structure for domestic use	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y	*Y*
2. The raising or keeping of livestock or poultry as pets or for use by residents of the premises provided that no building for livestock or poultry may be less than 25 ft. from any side or rear lot line nor nearer than 50 ft. to any front lot line	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y	*N*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	***QCD***[1]
3. Any customary home occupation provided that not more than three (3) employees, one of whom can be a nonresident, shall be employed on the premises at any one time	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*Y*
4. The use of a portion of a dwelling or accessory building thereto by a resident builder, rental office, carpenter, painter, plumber, electrician, or mason or by a resident tree surgeon or landscape gardener or for incidental work and storage in connection with an off-premise occupation, provided there is no external change which alters the residential appearance of the buildings and further pro- vided that all storage is kept indoors	Y	Y	Y	SP	Y	N	SP	N	*B/C*
5. Home office for resident physician, dentist, attorney-at-law, architect, engineer or member of other recognized profession provided that not more than three (3. per- sons shall be employed on the premises at any one time.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	*B/C*
6. Heliport, helistop	N	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	*N*
7. Dog Kennel	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	*N*
8. Car Washing Establishments	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	*N*
9. Trailer for business use	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	*N*

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS								
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**	*QCD*[1]
10.Adult Entertainment Establishments may not be located less than 750 (seven hundred fifty) feet from: a. Each other; b. Residential uses; c. Public or private nursery schools; d. Public or private day care centers; e. Public or private kindergartens; f. Public or private elementary schools; g. Public or private secondary schools; h. Playgrounds; i. Churches	N	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	*N*
11 Antenna Transmitter/ Receiving Tower, Residential Use (in excess of 25 feet above roof ridge height)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	*N*
12. Antenna Transmitter/Receiving Tower, Commercial (in excess of 25 feet above roof ridge height)	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	*N*

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the table of use regulations in the Zoning Bylaws, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article amends the Table of Use Regulations in the Easton Zoning bylaw to include the Queset Commercial district and makes minor administrative clarifications.

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Planning Board Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	29
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY* ***ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 29. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 19, 2014, to add the Queset Commercial District Zone and rezone the following properties or take any other action relative thereto. Map is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

From Business to Queset Commercial District

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
33U / 85A	574 Washington Street	7.00 acres	16330 / 16
33U / 104	547 Washington Street	1.06 acres	7309 / 320
33U / 105	555 Washington Street	1.75 acres	7037 / 345
33U / 106	565 Washington Street	1.85 acres	7037 / 345
33U / 11	559 Washington Street	0.28 acres	17017 / 304
33U / 12	573 Washington Street	1.15 acres	05123 / 0065
33U / 108	579 Washington Street, Unit #1		14042 / 187
33U / 109	579 Washington Street, Unit #2		16274 / 31
33U / 110	579 Washington Street, Unit #3		13719 / 179
33U / 111	581 Washington Street, Unit #1		18318 / 199
33U / 112	581 Washington Street, Unit #2		14405 / 251
33U / 113	581 Washington Street, Unit #3		14141 / 316
33U / 14	589 Washington Street	0.59 acres	6978 / 135

ARTICLE PASSES

33U-16 *7 Central Street*		*0.58 acres*	*8831 / 181*
33U / 18	*15 Central Street*	*0.07 acres*	*17195 / 86*
33U-61 *16 Central Street*		*0.22 acres*	*6849 / 331*
33U / 62	*14 Central Street*	*0.28 acres*	*2383 / 41*
33U / 62A	*10 Central Street*	*0.28 acres*	*15305 / 54*
33U / 63	*593 Washington Street*	*0.34 acres*	*13006 / 98*
33U / 64	*595 Washington Street*	*0.24 acres*	*1173 / 20*
33U / 65	*599 Washington Street*	*0.20 acres*	*5382 / 136*
33U / 66	*605 Washington Street*	*0.90 acres*	*16519 / 283*
33U / 67	*611 Washington Street*	*0.27 acres*	*17045 / 12*
33U / 68	*613 Washington Street*	*0.30 acres*	*10715 / 314*
33U / 69	*617 Washington Street*	*0.27 acres*	*1945 / 350*
33U / 70	*619 Washington Street*	*0.34 acres*	*14224 / 81*
33U / 71	*620 Washington Street*	*1.28 acres*	*6072 / 128*
33U / 72	*616 Washington Street*	*0.22 acres*	*2011 / 255*
33U / 73	*614 Washington Street*	*0.15 acres*	*6997 / 304*
33U / 74	*6 Randall Lane*	*0.18 acres*	*18972 / 293*
33U / 75	*8 Randall Lane*	*0.84 acres*	*13403 / 242*
33U / 76E	*7 Plymouth Drive*	*1.00 acres*	*8724 / 43*
33U / 78	*612 Washington Street*	*0.57 acres*	*15525 / 342*
33U / 79	*606 Washington Street*	*0.91 acres*	*4327 / 006*
33U / 80A	*594 Washington Street*	*1.75 acres*	*6668 / 328*
33U / 81	*588 Washington Street*	*1.28 acres*	*6763 / 185*
33U / 83A	*584 Washington Street*	*0.27 acres*	*18467 / 53*
33U / 84	*580 Washington Street*	*1.13 acres*	*16210 / 16*
33U / 86	*566 Washington Street*	*0.95 acres*	*7413 / 290*
33U / 87	*2 Belmont Street*	*1.20 acres*	*4746 / 220*
33U / 85	*27 Belmont Street (business-zoned portion only)*		*8620 / 56*
33U / 88	*16 Belmont Street*	*0.69 acres*	*7201 / 61*
33U / 89	*9 Belmont Street*	*0.33 acres*	*2899 / 143*
33U / 90	*13 Belmont Street*	*0.71 acres*	*P1494 / E1*
33U / 92	*19 Belmont Street*	*0.77 acres*	*2318 / 204*
33U / 94	*25 Belmont Street*	*0.40 acres*	*13576 / 62*
36U / 102	*661 Washington Street*	*2.11 acres*	*19225 / 339*
36U / 102A	*675 Washington Street*	*0.53 acres*	*20708 / 207*
36U / 106	*627 Washington Street*	*0.31 acres*	*4960 / 150*
36U / 107	*630 Washington Street*	*0.24 acres*	*6072 / 128*
36U / 108	*2 County Lane*	*0.15 acres*	*P017AD*
36U / 109	*4 County Lane*	*0.27 acres*	*17098 / 275*
36U / 110	*6 County Lane*	*1.00 acres*	*4875 / 212*
36U / 111	*7 County Lane*	*0.30 acres*	*13216 / 104*
36U / 112A	*5 County Lane*	*0.69 acres*	*1390 / 132*

36U / 113	*632 Washington Street*	*0.75 acres*	*18264 / 208*
36U / 114	*650 Washington Street*	*1.13 acres*	*1655 / 283*
36U / 114A	*646 Washington Street*	*1.25 acres*	*2184 / 63*
36U / 115	*666 Washington Street*	*0.36 acres*	*1691 / 117*
36U / 116	*670 Washington Street*	*0.20 acres*	*4010 / 59*
36U / 117	*679 Washington Street*	*0.70 acres*	*6617 / 148*
37U / 1	*105 Depot Street*	*1.46 acres*	*17366 / 183*
37U / 65	*682 Washington Street*	*1.5 acres*	*18927 / 153*

From Business to Residential

Map/Lot	*Location*	*Lot Size*	*Book/Page*
33U / 19	*19 Central Street*	*0.18 acres*	*1691 / 652*
33U / 21B	*13R Central Street*	*0.58 acres*	*1973 / 38*

From Business to Industrial

Map/Lot	*Location*	*Lot Size*	*Book/Page*
33U / 71A	*620R Washington Street*	*1.30 acres*	*3798 / 42*

From split zone Business/Residential to Industrial

Map/Lot	*Location*	*Lot Size*	*Book/Page*
33U-58	*24 Central Street*	*0.70 acres*	*12657 / 279*
36U-1044R	*Central Street*	*0.31 acres*	*1131 / 230*

From split zone Residential/Business to Residential

Map/Lot	*Location*	*Lot Size*	*Book/Page*
33U / 54	*25 Central Street*	*0.39 acres*	*2156 / 142*
33U / 20	*4 Water Street*	*0.92 acres*	*4747 / 252*
33U-22B	*6 Water Street*	*0.90 acres*	*7315 / 150*

From split zone Business/Industrial to Industrial

Map/Lot	Location		Lot Size	Book/Page
37U / 89	55 Norfolk Avenue		3.40 acres	8391 / 241
37U / 2	51 Norfolk Avenue		2.00 acres	3088 / 52
33U / 76C	43 Norfolk Avenue		2.38 acres	5876 / 152
33U / 76B	15 Plymouth Drive		3.83 acres	3687 / 197
33U / 80B	10 Plymouth Drive		1.28 acres	20375 / 209
33U-57	20 Central Street	2.75 acres	14199 / 143	

From Industrial to Business

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
10R / 212	12 Robert Drive	1.31 acres	16221 / 232
10R / 213	15 Robert Drive	1.01 acres	14007 / 296
10R / 190	25 Robert Drive	13.16 acres	14007 / 296
10R / 214	33 Robert Drive	0.97 acres	16433 / 169
10R / 215	41 Robert Drive	12.86 acres	16433 / 174
44U / 52	560 Foundry Street	12.15 acres	11570 / 11

From Residential to Business

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
44U / 62	468R Foundry Street	3.43 acres	19386 / 142
44U / 53A	564 Foundry Street	0.08 acres	1202 / 273
44U / 60	568 Foundry Street	2.00 acres	19386 / 142

From Residential to Business (continued)

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
44U / 61	582R Foundry Street	8.70 acres	19386 / 142

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article, or take any relative action thereto.
Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Map, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This map amendment would add the Queset Commercial District to the current zoning map and make related changes; and make changes to the Foundry Street and Robert Drive areas.

ARTICLE PASSES

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Planning Board Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED <u>UNANIMOUS</u> VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	30
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY* **ARTICLE PASSES.**

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ARTICLE 30. AMENDMENT TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 19, 2014, by making the following changes thereto, by deleting the text shown with a strikethrough, and inserting the text shown in italics*:*

Section 8-9.13

13. The Planning & Zoning Board may reduce the requirements Section VIII, Sub-section 8-6., OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS, ~~in an amount not more than 50 per cent due to~~ if *specific site or public safety considerations* warrant such a reduction.

Q *Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board*

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 8-9.13 of the Zoning Bylaws, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This amendment would allow the Planning and Zoning Board to reduce the number of required parking spaces beyond what the Zoning Bylaw presently allows, if such a reduction is warranted by site and public safety considerations.

Vote Required: TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

ARTICLE PASSES

Selectmen Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Finance Committee Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

Planning Board Recommendation: ***RECOMMENDED***

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	2
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 2. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash a sum of money to be placed into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of $500,000 to be placed into the Stabilization Fund.

Explanation: This transfers a portion of free cash and is proposed as part of the on-going goal to build up reserves.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED <u>UNANIMOUS</u> VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	3
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

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ARTICLE 3. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2016 departmental budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by Board of Selectmen
Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to supplement the following fiscal year 2016 departmental budgets:

- **Health and Community Services $ 200,000**
- **Ambulance 18,000**
- **Other General Government 6,300**

Total $ 224,300

and that to meet this appropriation $181,012 shall be raised from taxation and $43,288 shall be transferred from free cash.

Explanation: The Health and Community Services Budget requires additional funding for veterans benefits, the Ambulance budget requires additional funding for medical supplies and to pay the billing agency as a result of increased collections and the Other General Government budget requires funding due to an increase in the Bristol County Agricultural School assessment and additional audit fees resulting from the new contract.

Vote Required: Simple Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2015

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	4
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	FULGINITI
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 4. FUNDING FOR REVALUATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY2017 State Certified Revaluation including annual interim updates, cyclical inspections or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the fiscal year 2017 State Certified Revaluation including annual interim updates, cyclical inspections or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors.

Explanation: The Department of Revenue requires an annual updating of property values, known as "interim updates" as well as the regular state certification of values that is done every three years. The state certification is schedule for FY2017 but the work has to be done during FY2016 and this requires contracts with our personal property and commercial / industrial contractors. The Town has to show the Department of Revenue that it has a plan to update residential, commercial/industrial and personal property and has also appropriated sufficient money to accomplish this plan.

Vote Required: Simple Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2015

MEETING TYPE: **Special Town Meeting**

ARTICLE #:	**5**
MOTIONED BY:	**FULGINITI**
SECONDED BY:	**NESTLER**
SELECTMEN:	**RECOMMENDED**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**RECOMMENDED**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 5. SUPPLEMENT FY2016 CAPITAL BUDGET
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $1,424,090 to supplement the following capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2016 as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Department/Capital Item	*Amount*
Fire – Ambulance	*$ 250,000*
Fire – Stretcher Load System	*24,700*
Police – Cruisers (2 Marked)	*79,190*
Town Clerk – Voting Tabulators	*60,000*
School - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	*330,000*
School – Technology Hardware/Software	*150,000*
DPW – Motor Equipment (Hooklift)	*200,000*
DPW – Fuel System Upgrade	*25,000*
DPW – Municipal Facilities Capital Improvements	*200,000*
IT – Fiber Repairs	*32,000*
IT – Computer Replacements	*24,000*
IT – Server Replacements	*14,200*
Water – Master Plan Update	*35,000*
Total	*$1,424,090*

Submitted by Town Administrator

Explanation: This supplemental article funds capital items included in the FY16 Capital Budget that were deferred until additional funds became available.

Selectman: Fulginiti
Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,424,090 to supplement the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2016 for the purposes as printed in the warrant under Article 5 and that to meet this appropriation, $257,090 shall be transferred from free cash, $151,000 shall be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate Account, $1,000 shall be transferred from State Smart Growth Funds, $35,000 shall be transferred from Water Surplus and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $980,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out these projects on behalf of or in the name of the Town.
Explanation: This supplemental article funds capital items included in the FY16 Capital Budget that were deferred until additional funds became available.
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	6
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 6. APPROVE FUNDING FOR EASTON POLICE ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the and the Easton Police Association, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by Board of Selectmen
Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $30,000 for the purpose of funding the incremental cost items in fiscal year 2016 contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Easton Police Association, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 and that to meet this appropriation said amount shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2016 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget to the fiscal year 2016 Police Department Budget.

Explanation: This article will fund the cost items of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Easton Police Association for fiscal 2016 through 2018.

Vote Required: Simple Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	7
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 7. APPROVE FUNDING FOR SPEA CLERICAL UNIT CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the and the SPEA Clerical Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $14,794 for the purpose of funding the incremental cost items in fiscal year 2016 contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the SPEA Clerical Unit, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 and that to meet this appropriation $11,641shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2016 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget and $3,153 shall be transferred from water surplus to the following fiscal 2016 operating budgets:

Town Accountant $ 2,106
Town Collector/Treasurer 5,612
Town Clerk 894
Planning and Community Development 2,058
Health and Community Services 971
Water Division 3,153

Explanation: This article will fund the cost items of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Clerical Unit for fiscal 2016 through 2018.

Vote Required: Simple Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	8
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 8. APPROVE FUNDING FOR SPEA DPW UNIT CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the and SPEA DPW Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $14,100 for the purpose of funding the incremental cost items in fiscal year 2016 contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the SPEA DPW Unit, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 and that to meet this appropriation said amount shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2016 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget to the fiscal year 2016 DPW Budget.

Explanation: This article will fund the cost items of a new collective bargaining agreement with the DPW Unit for fiscal 2016 through 2018.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	9
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 9. APPROVE FUNDING FOR SPEA WATER DIVISION UNIT CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the and SPEA Water Division Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $8,500 for the purpose of funding the incremental cost items in fiscal year 2016 contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the SPEA Water Division Unit, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 and that to meet this appropriation said amount shall be transferred from water surplus to the fiscal year 2016 Water Division Budget.

Explanation: This article will fund the cost items of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Water Division Unit for fiscal 2016 through 2018.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED <u>UNANIMOUS</u> VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	10
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 10. APPROVE FUNDING FOR FIRE UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the and LOCAL 2790, I.A.F.F., such agreement to be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $55,200 for the purpose of funding the incremental cost items in fiscal year 2016 contained in a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Town and the Local 2790 International Association of Fire Fighters, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 and that to meet this appropriation $55,200 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2016 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget and $49,200 shall be transferred to the fiscal year 2016 Fire Department Budget and $6,000 shall be transferred to the fiscal year 2016 Ambulance Budget.

Explanation: This article will fund the cost items of a new collective bargaining agreement with the Fire Union for fiscal 2016 through 2018.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	11
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MCINTYRE
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 11. CPA FUNDING – EASTONDALE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS: ALI'S PARK

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate up to $191,843.35 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding improvements to the field and playground at the former Eastondale School, located at 74 Pine Street (listed on Assessors Map 40U as lot 127A). Funds would be used to create a new playground, rehabilitate the T-ball field and basketball court, and make other site, parking and landscaping improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of $191,843.35 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding improvements to the fields and playgrounds at the former Eastondale School at 74 Pine Street, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This project would improve the currently underutilized fields and playground area behind the former Eastondale School at 74 Pine Street. Volunteer labor and additional funding would be donated through the Ali's Park Fund, dedicated to the creation of a park in the memory of Ali Hamilton.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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ARTICLE #:	12
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MCINTYRE
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	

ARTICLE TABLED

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ARTICLE 12. ZONING AMENDMENT: VILLAGE ZONING DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 18, 2015, by making the following changes thereto:

ARTICLE IS TABLED

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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ARTICLE TABLED

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ARTICLE #:	13
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MCINTYRE
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	

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ARTICLE 13. AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 18, 2015 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties as follows

ARTICLE IS DISMISSED

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE #:	14
MOTIONED BY:	MCINTYRE
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 14 . AMENDMENT OF CODE TO REFLECT CHANGE IN NUMBER OF EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 152 of the Code of the Town of Easton as follows:
Subsection A of 152-4. Commission, which currently reads:
A. The District shall be overseen by a Commission consisting of seven members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two members initially appointed for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and each successive appointment to be made for three years.
Shall be amended to read as follows:
A. The District shall be overseen by a Commission consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each for a three (3) year term. For transitional purposes, as of the effective date of this bylaw, any members over the number of five shall not be reappointed upon expiration of their term but may be considered for reappointment for other members' terms, upon expiration of the same.
Subsection C of 152-4. Commission, which currently reads:
C. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint up to four alternate members to the Commission. Each alternate member shall have the right to act and vote in the place of one regular member should such regular member be absent from a meeting or be unwilling or unable to act or vote. Said alternate members shall initially be appointed for terms of two or three years, and for three year terms thereafter.
Shall be amended to read as follows:
C. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint up to two alternate members to the Commission. Each alternate member shall have the right to act and vote in the place of one regular member should such regular member be absent from a meeting or be unwilling or unable to act or vote. Said alternate members shall initially be appointed for terms of two or three years, and for three year terms thereafter.
Subsection E of 152-4. Commission, which currently reads:
E. Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
Shall be amended to read as follows:
E. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
or take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Historical Commission
Selectman: McIntyre

Motion: I move that the Town vote to reduce the number of members on the Easton Historical Commission, as printed in the warrant.

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Explanation: This reduction in the number of required members and of the number of members required for a quorum intends to better align the Commission's size with other Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions.
Vote Required: SIMPLE MAJORITY
Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	15
MOTIONED BY:	MCINTYRE
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY*
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 15. AMENDED PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR WIDENING AT WASHINGTON STREET AND ROOSEVELT CIRCLE INTERSECTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following permanent easements depicted as on a plan entitled Town of Easton, Bristol County (Northern Registry District) Washington Street /Roosevelt Circle Intersection Improvements

Easements Plan, Dated October 26, 2015, prepared by BETA Group and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

Plan Parcel	Map	Lot	Address	Square Feet (+/-)	Purpose
E-1-T	33U	4	533 Washington Street	520	Sidewalk
E-3-T	28U	28	3 Roosevelt Circle	190	Sidewalk
E-2-T	33U	1	10 Roosevelt Circle	1950	Sidewalk

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ARTICLE #:	16
MOTIONED BY:	MCINTYRE
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY* *ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 16. AMENDED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR WIDENING AT WASHINGTON STREET AND ROOSEVELT CIRCLE INTERSECTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following temporary easements depicted as temporary easements on a plan entitled Town of Easton, Bristol County (Northern Registry District) Washington Street /Roosevelt Circle Intersection Improvements Easements Plan, Dated October 26, 2015, prepared by BETA Group, and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

Parcel	Map	Lot	Address	Square Feet (+/-)
TE-1-T	33U	4	533 Washington Street	183
TE-3-T	28U	28	3 Roosevelt Circle	1115
TE-2-T	33U	1	10 Roosevelt Circle	1202
TE-4-T	28U	29	509 Washington Street	298

DECLARED <u>UNANIMOUS</u> VOTE BY MODERATOR SHARKANSKY ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	17
MOTIONED BY:	JANICE WOLFFE
SECONDED BY:	ROBERT HICKS
SELECTMEN:	NOT RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	

ARTICLE PASSES 280-143

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ARTICLE 17. REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE AND FUND AN OPERATIONAL AUDIT

To See if the town will appropriate up to $70,000.00 to fund an operational audit of the Town including the School Department, or take other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Motion: I MOVE THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE $70,000.00 FROM FREE CASH TO FUND AN OPERATIONAL AUDIT, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT, WITH THE SCOPE OF SAID AUDIT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Explanation: This was submitted by citizen petition.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: NOT RECCOMENDED

Finance Committee Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

ARTICLE PASSES ON A SECRET BALLOT COUNT OF 280 IN FAVOR, 143 OPPOSED

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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Animal Control Officer	508-230-3353
Assessors	508-230-0520
Board of Appeals	508-230-0590
Board of Health	508-230-0620
Board of Selectmen	508-230-0501
Collector	508-230-0610
Commission on Disabilities	508-230-0586
Conservation Commission	508-230-0640
Council on Aging	508-238-3160
Department of Public Works	508-230-0800
Department of Public Works Water Division	508-230-0850
Fire Department	508-230-3311
Food Pantry	508-230-0670
Housing Authority	508-238-4747
Inspectional Services	508-230-0580
Planning & Community Development	508-230-0630
Planning Board	508-230-0630
Police Department	508-230-3322
Recreation Department	508-238-3084
Town Accountant	508-230-0560
Town Administrator	508-230-0510
Town Clerk	508-230-0530
Treasurer	508-230-0600
Veterans Services Department	508-230-0550
Superintendent of Schools	508-230-3202
Center School	508-230-3233
Easton Middle School	508-230-3222
F.L. Olmsted School	508-230-3205
H.H. Richardson School	508-230-3227
Moreau Hall School	508-230-3235
Oliver Ames High School	508-230-3210
Parkview School	508-230-3230

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